

# MATMOS Test-bed OCS cell spectra from 2012-04-11



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## **Measurement Conditions:**

2012-04-11: Glowbar source. 0.5mm InSb detector.

EDU running at 2.0s per scan.

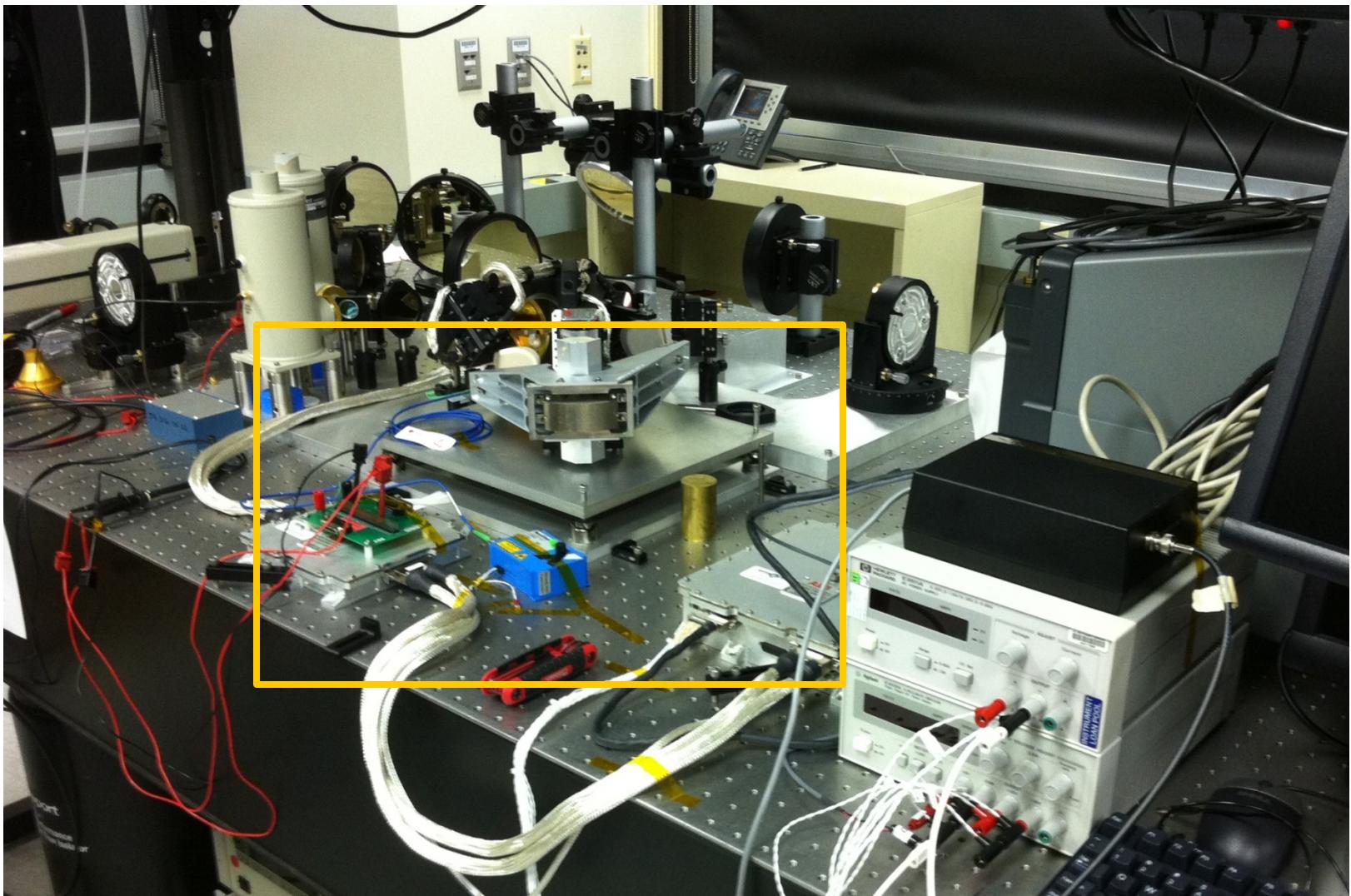
Raw t-domain interferograms (laser & InSb) sampled by Virtex5/AD7760-based data acquisition system (described by Bekker et al. 2008) at 625 kHz.

Acquired ~4 samples per laser wavelength.

Interferograms re-sampled, phase-corrected, and FFT' d into spectra by Jean-Francois Blavier's Fortran code.

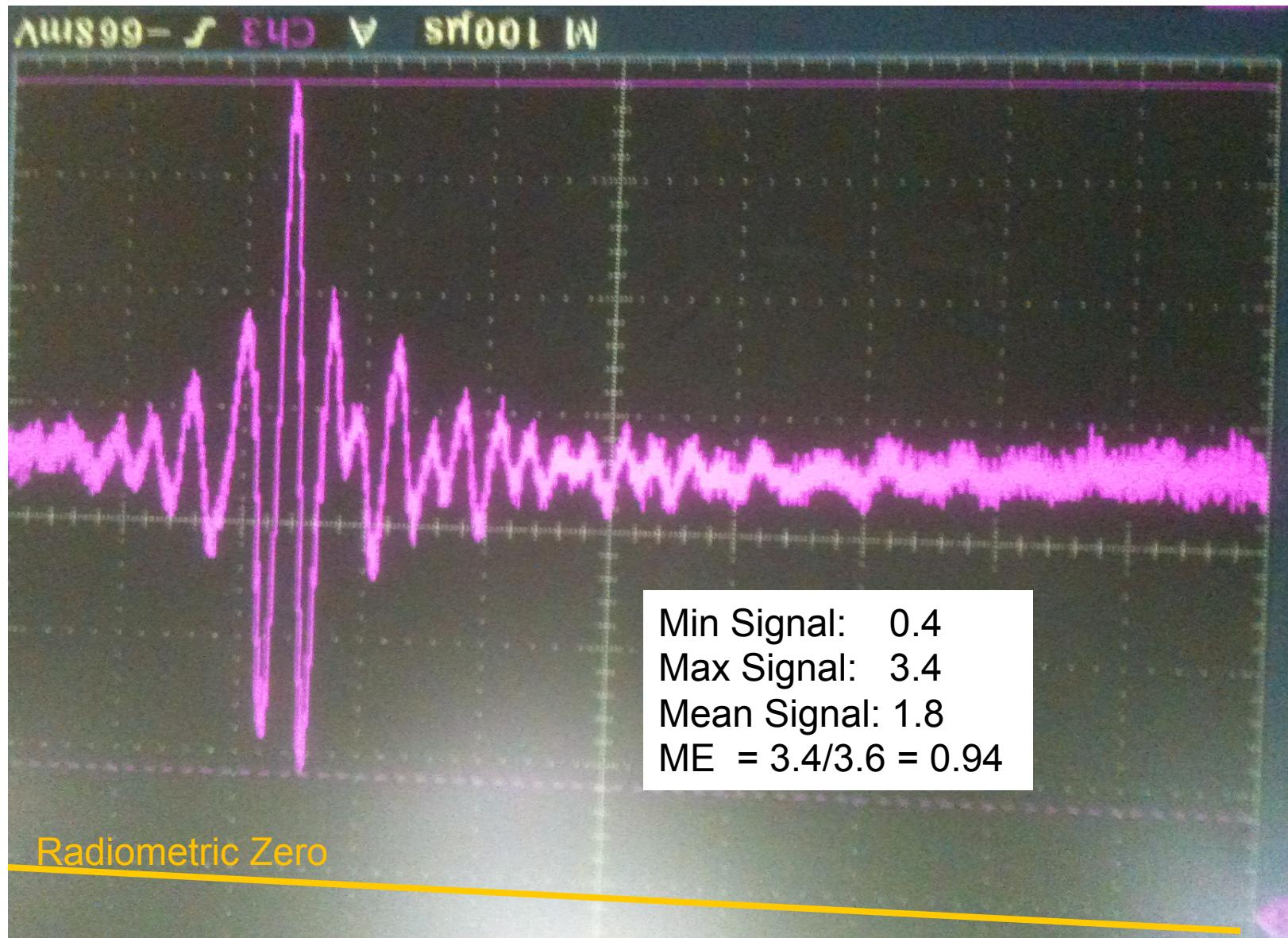
Pairs of spectra were averaged and used in subsequent plots.

# EDU installed in MATMOS Test-Bed at JPL

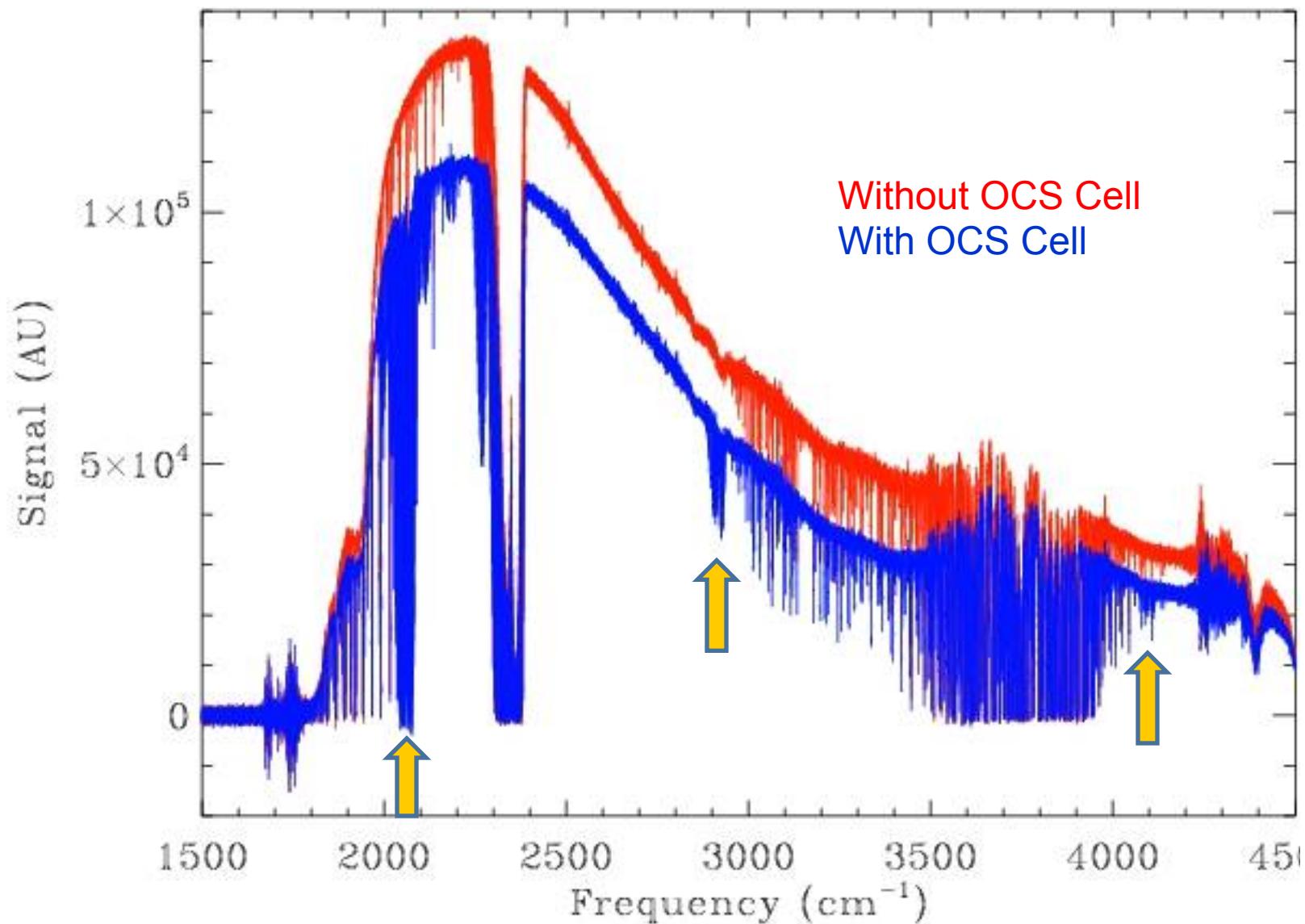


EDU built by ABB Bomem, is a non-flight version of the MATMOS interferometer

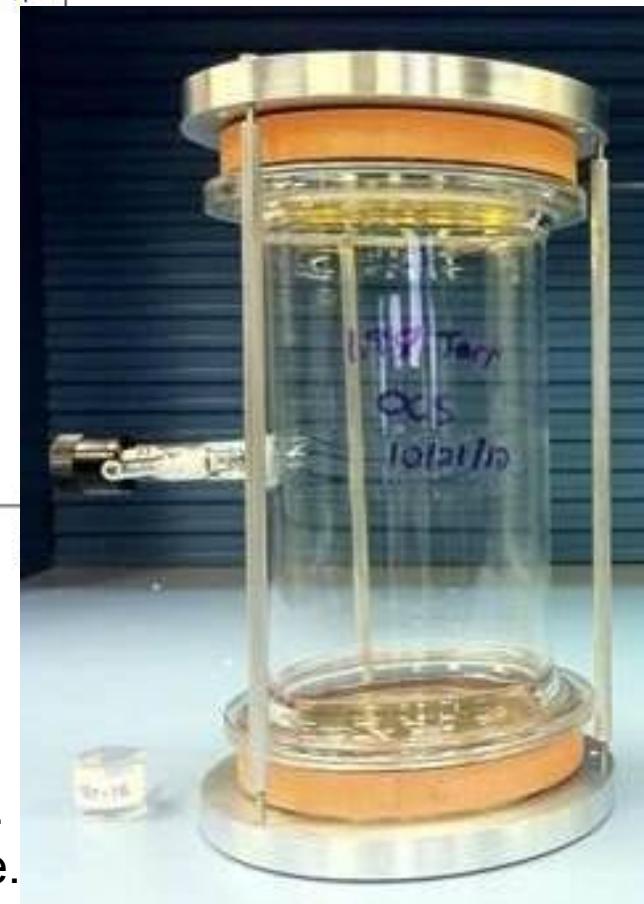
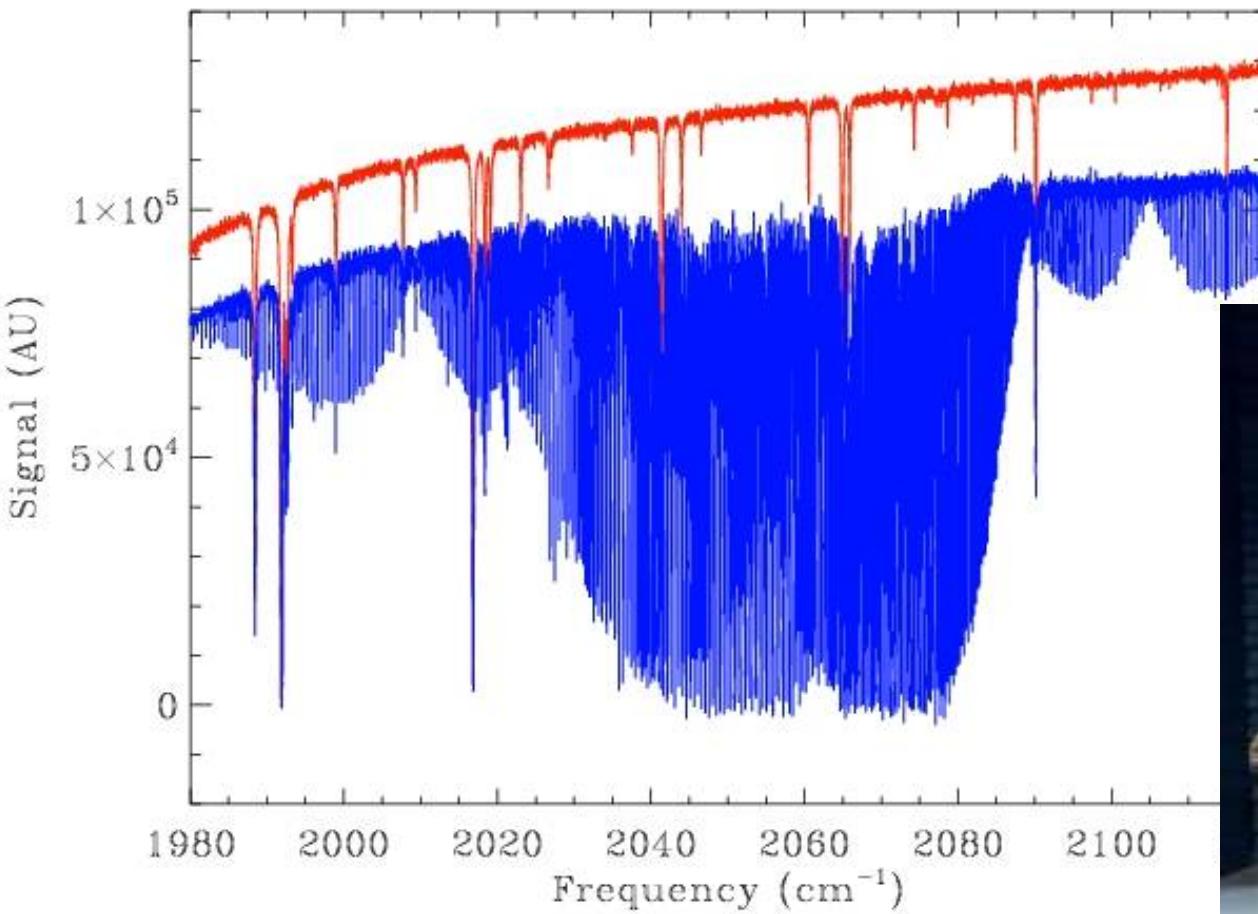
# InSb Interferogram



# Glowbar Spectra measured 2012-04-11

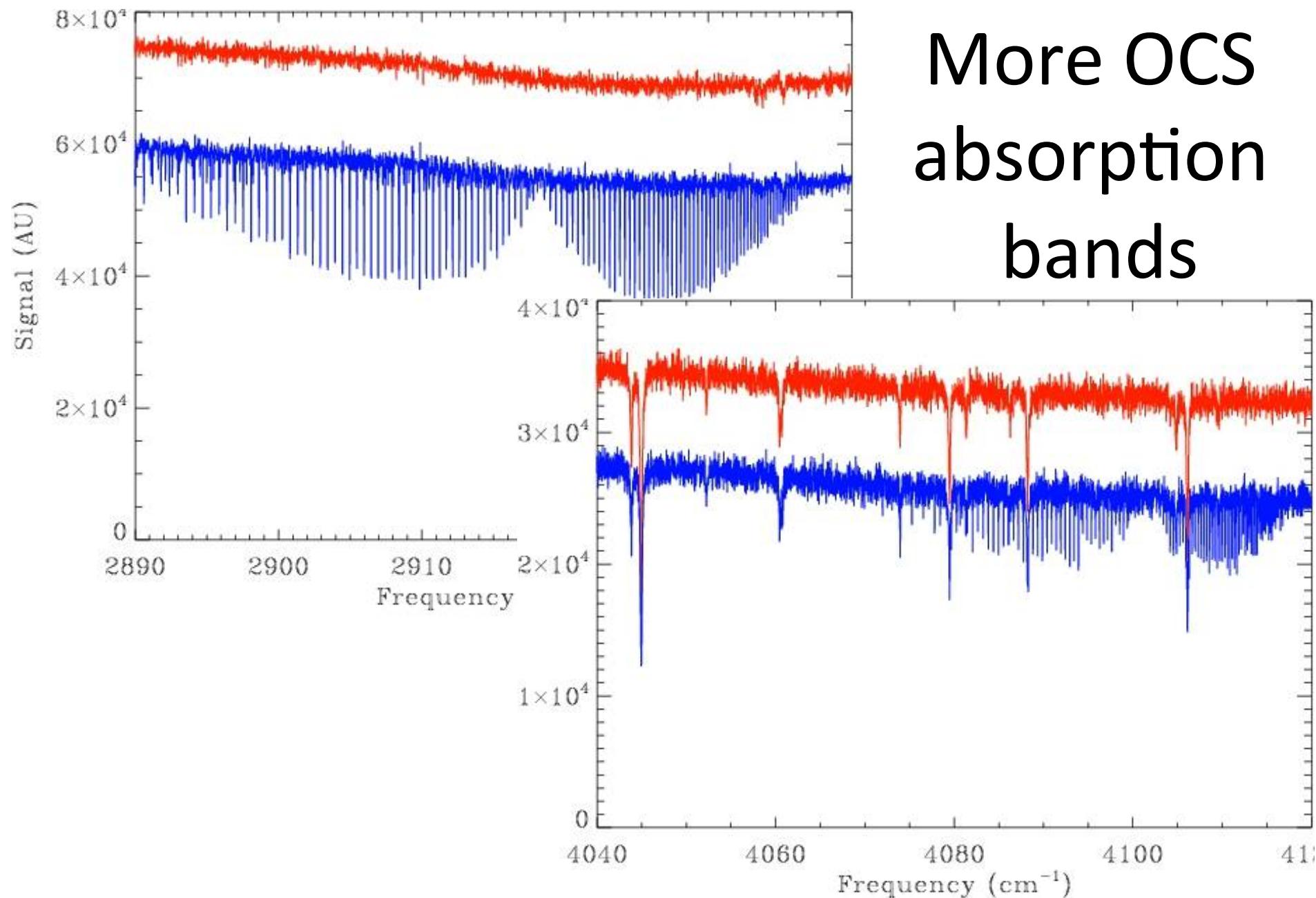


# Cell OCS absorption 1980-2120 cm<sup>-1</sup>



MATMOS OCS cell is 20 cm long at 10 cm in diameter.  
It is shown alongside the NDACC HBr cell (2cm x 2cm).  
It's large size allows it to be mounted outside telescope.

More OCS  
absorption  
bands



# Quantitative Analysis of Gas Absorptions

Spectral absorptions were fitted using GFIT algorithm in various spectral regions:

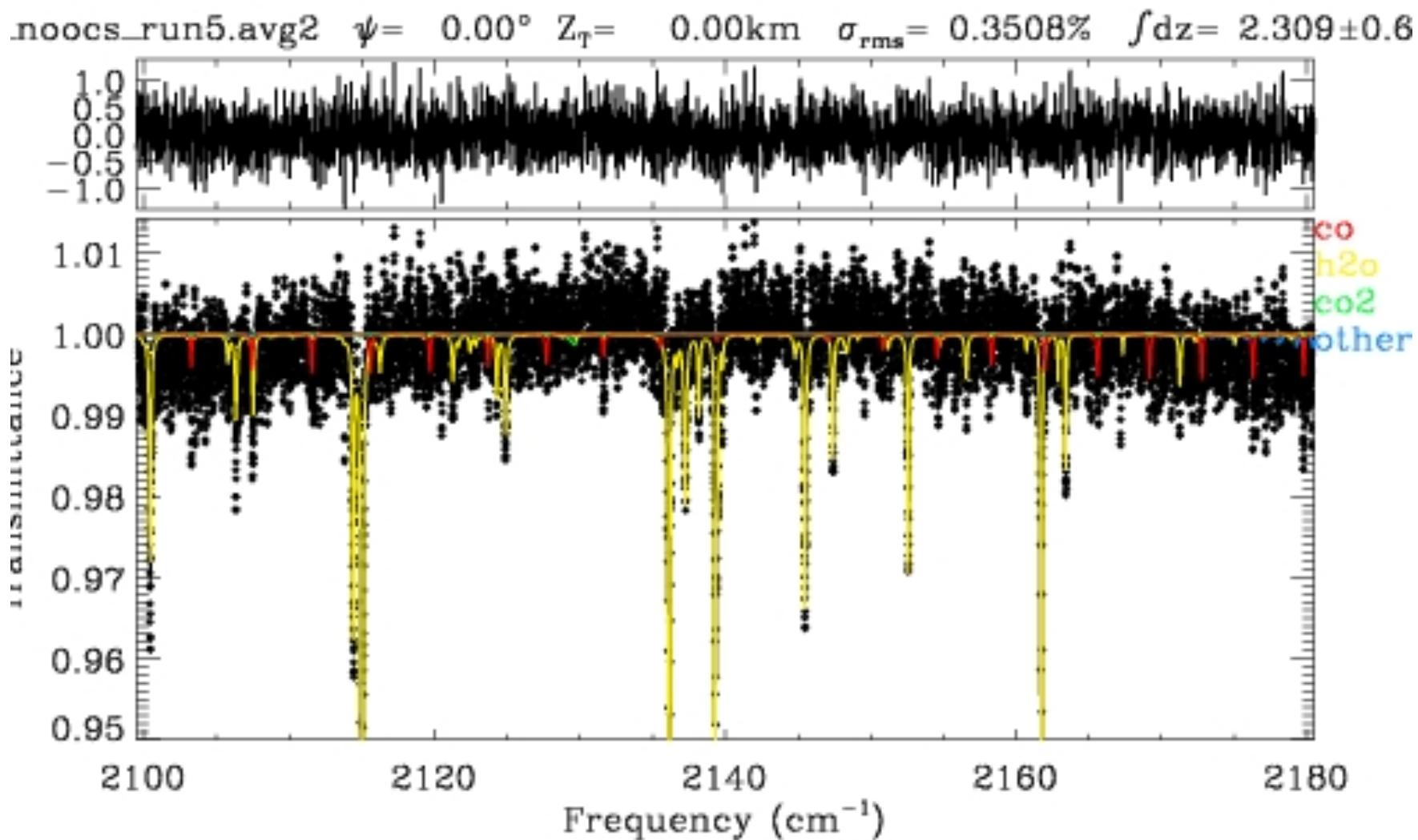
- HITRAN 2008 spectroscopic database used in analysis
- For OCS the July 2009 update was supplemented by an empirical linelist
- Air path between glowbar and detectors assumed to be 4.2 m.
- Temperature assumed to be 297K, Pressure assumed to be 972 mbar
- ILS calculated from 25.3 cm Max OPD and 6.25 mrad internal FOV

In subsequent plots,

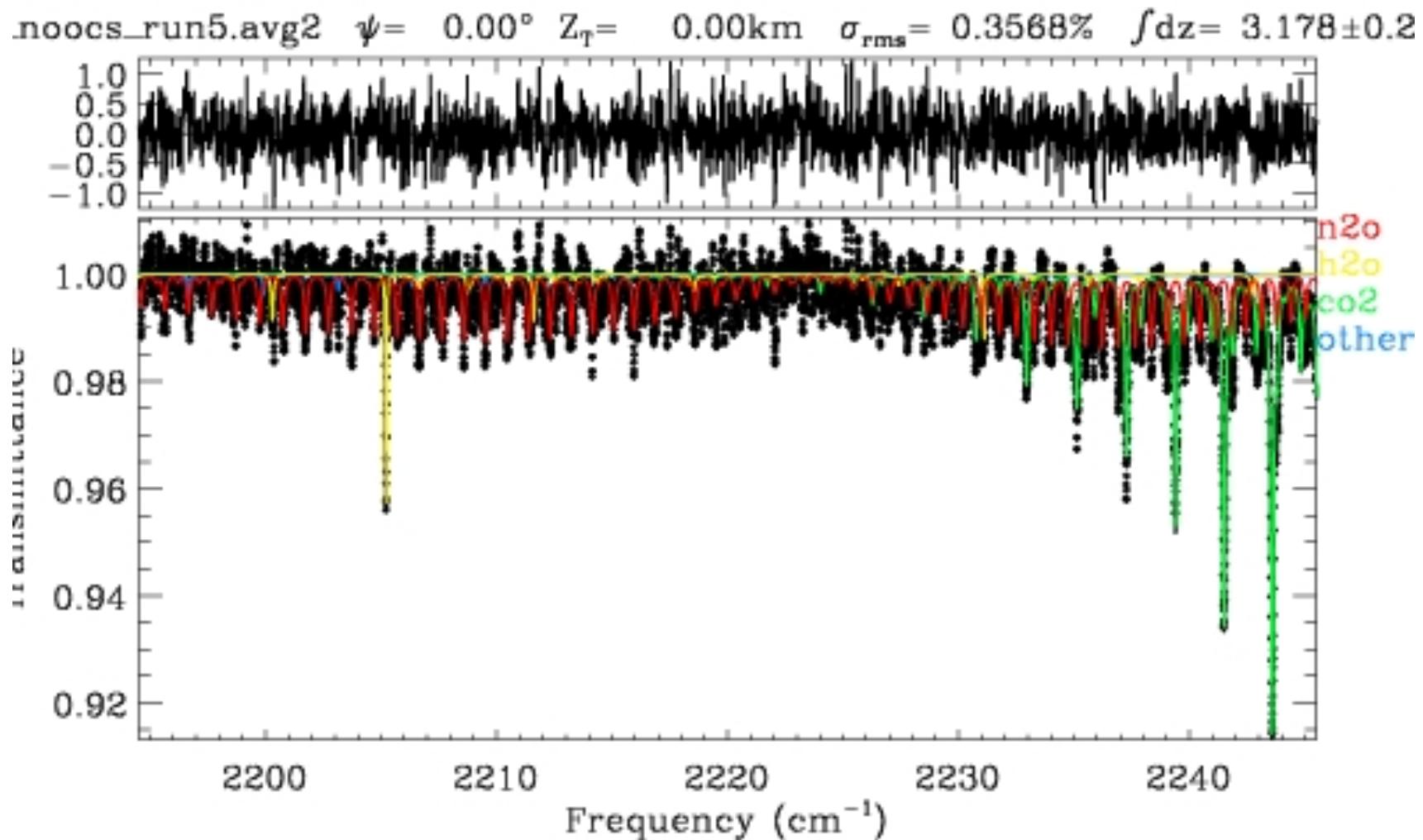
Large lower panel show the measured (black points) and calculated spectra (black line). The colored lines show the contributions of the various gases.

Narrow upper panel shows the residuals: (measured – calculated)

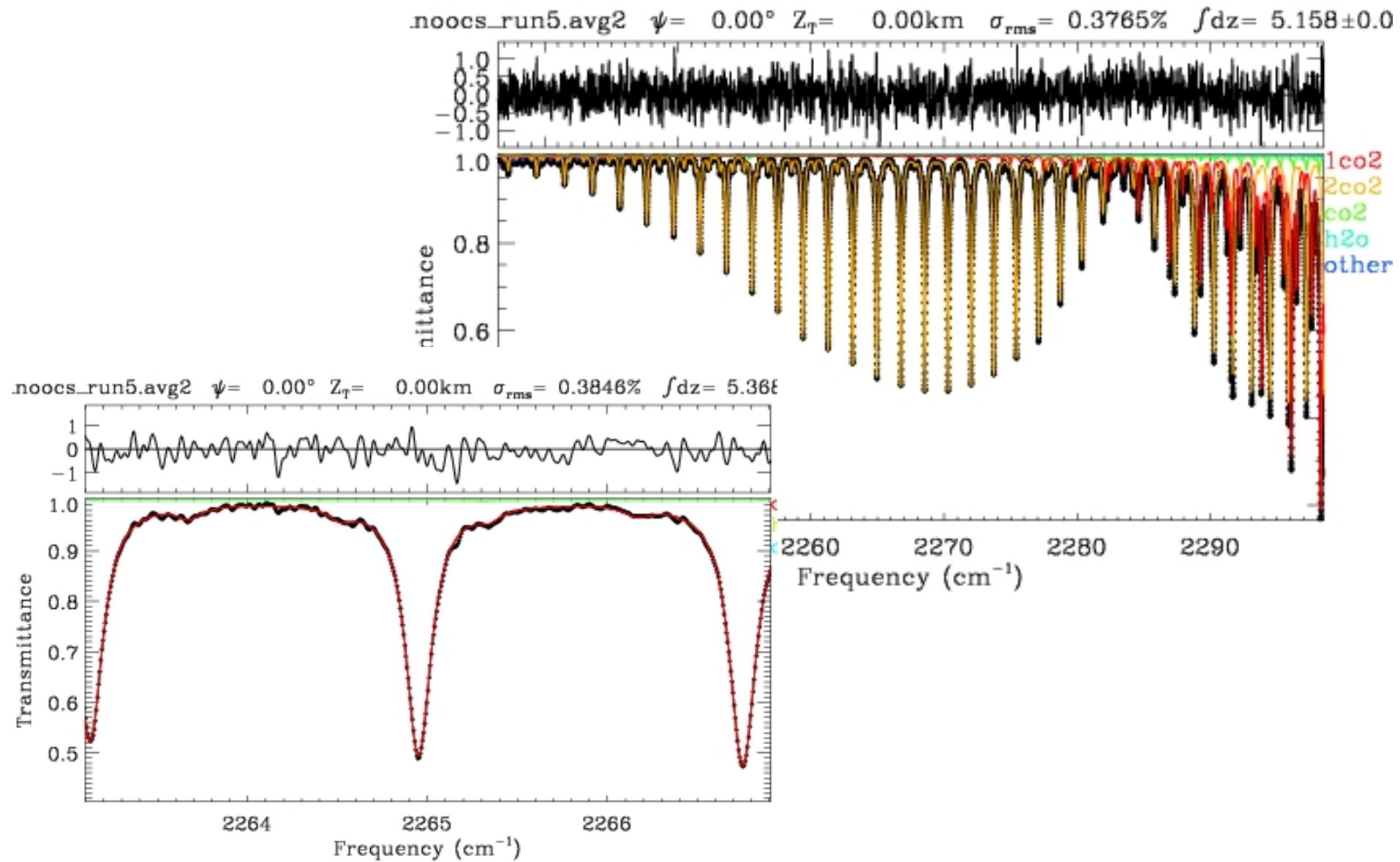
# Absorption by lab CO and H<sub>2</sub>O



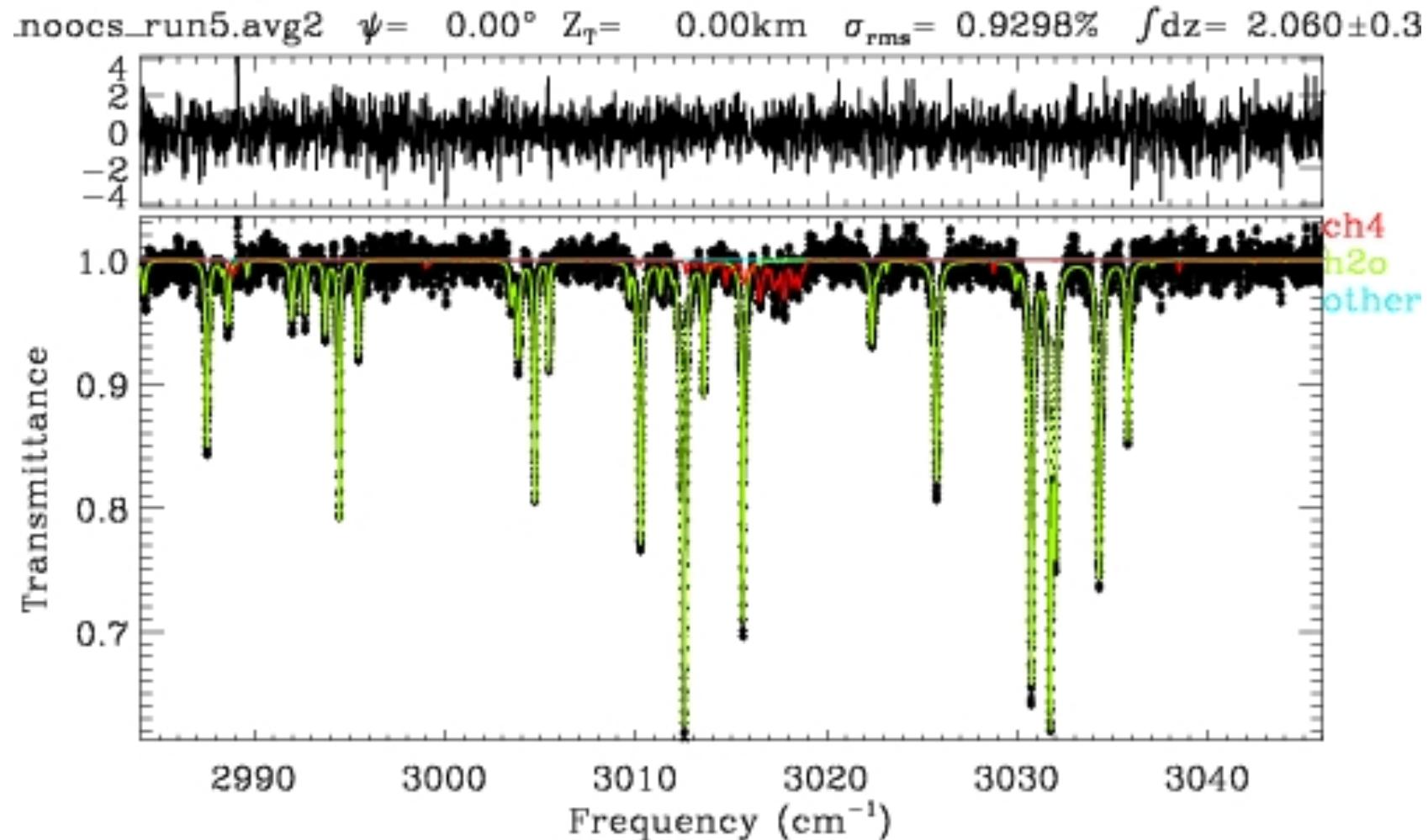
# Fits showing absorption by lab N<sub>2</sub>O



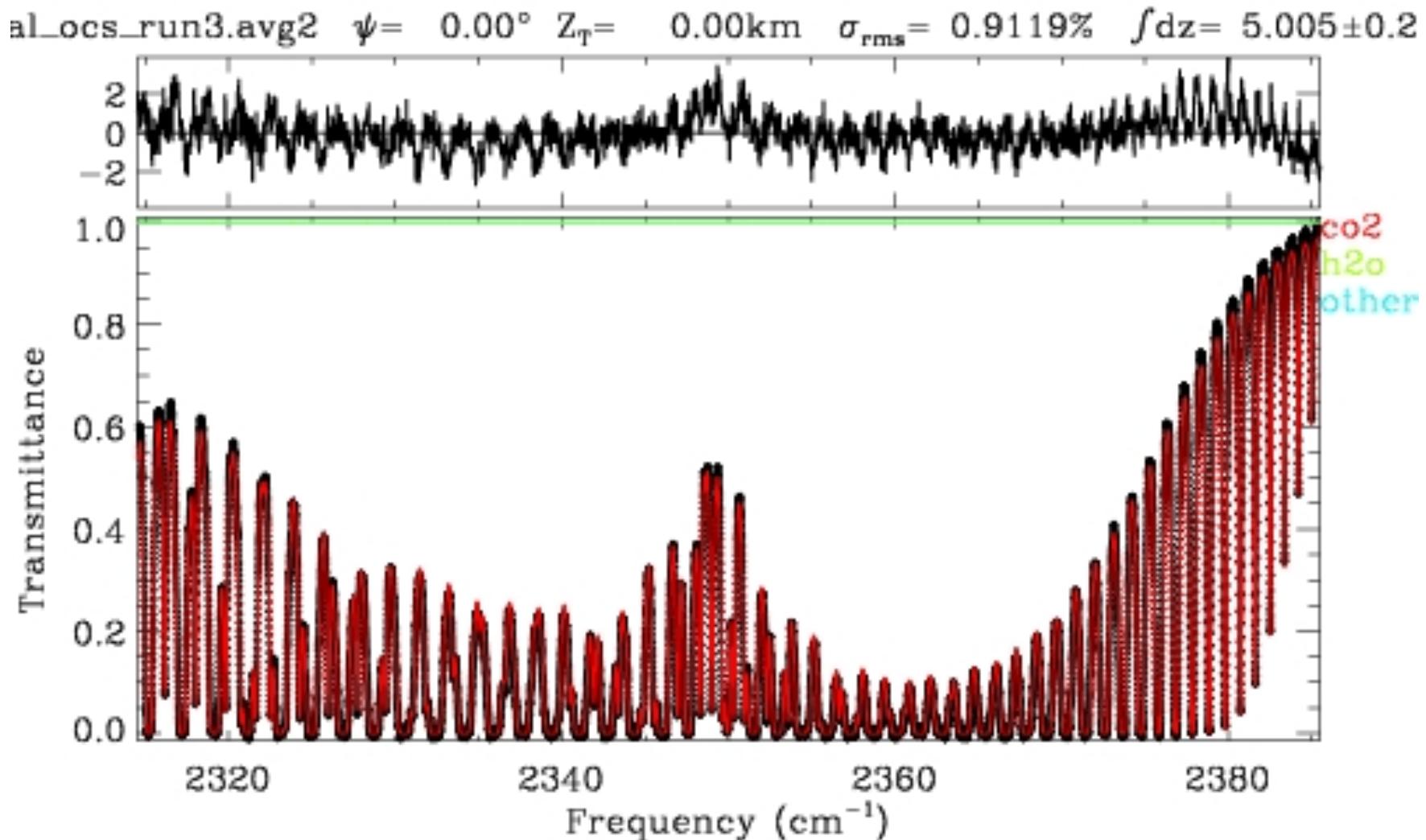
# Fits showing absorption by lab $^{13}\text{CO}_2$



# Fits showing Absorption by lab CH<sub>4</sub>

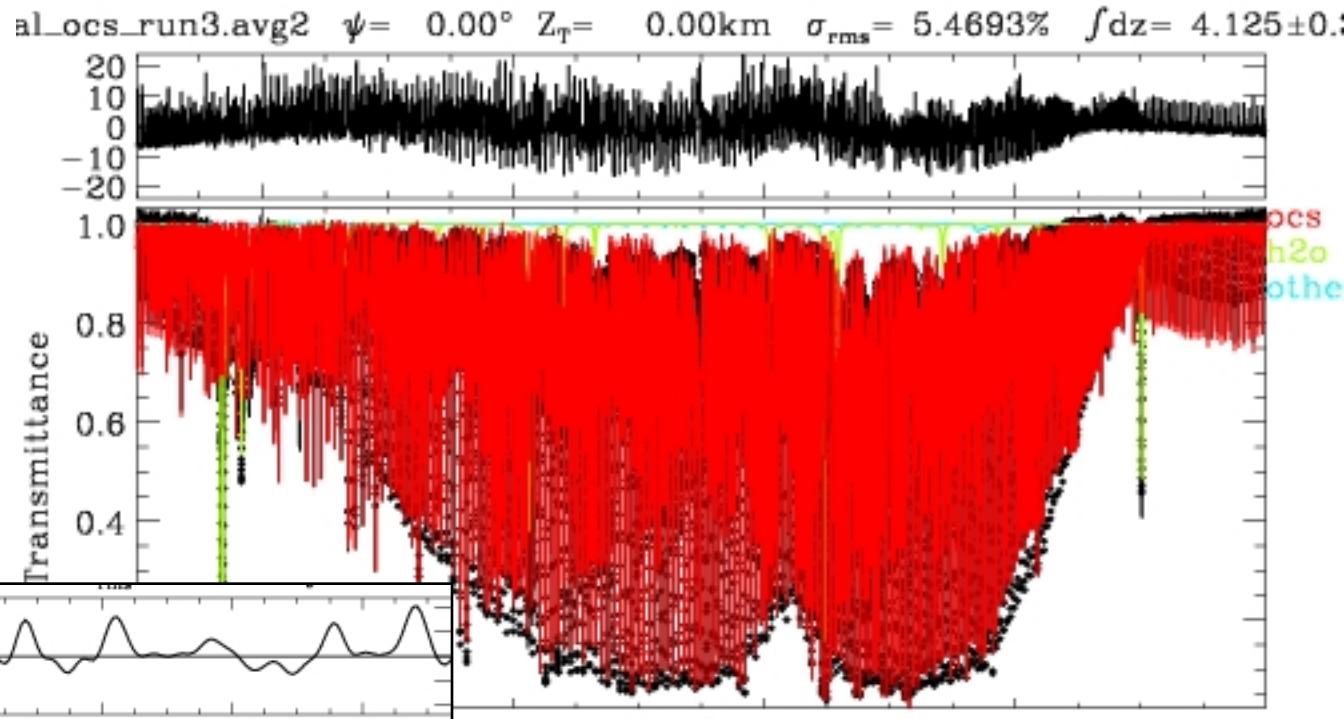


# Fits showing absorption by lab $^{12}\text{CO}_2$



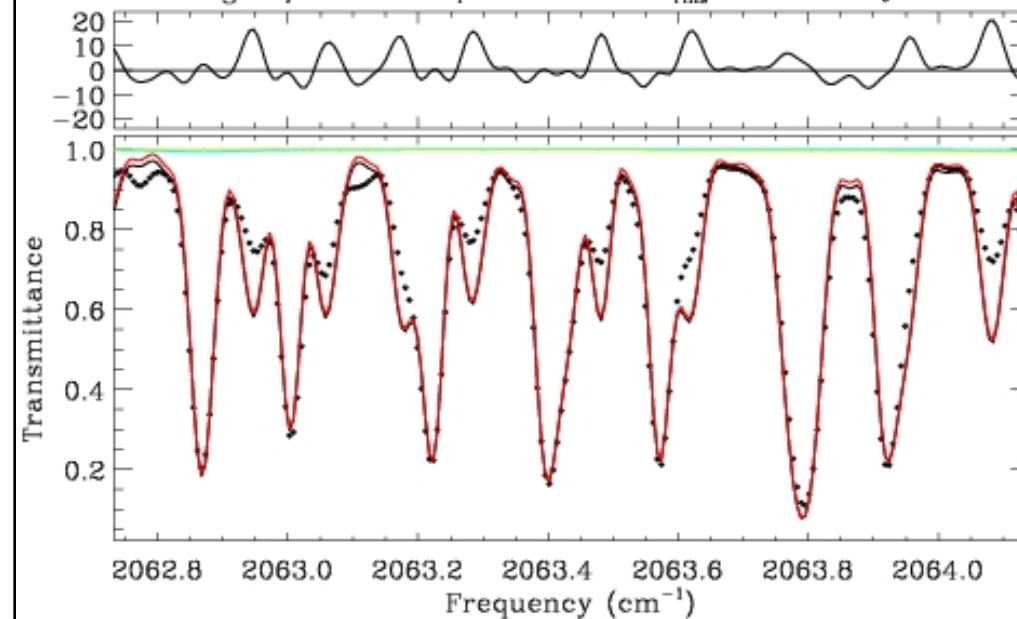
# OCS fitted assuming nominal cell pressure

2 Torr was the fill pressure.



2040      2060      2080  
Frequency (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Transmittance



Absorption of weak lines is over-estimated in calculation.

Large residuals caused by weakly absorbing lines being inconsistent with the stronger lines.

# Determination of True Cell Pressure

Assumed Cell Pressure (mbar/Torr)	RMS Fitting Residual (%)
2.66 / 2.0	5.442
10.0 / 7.6	2.224
16.0 / 12.0	1.078
19.2 / 14.6	0.807
20.1 / 15.0	0.791
21.0 / 16.0	0.802
25.0 / 19.0	1.072

The assumed cell pressure was adjusted and the OCS v3 band was re-fitted.

The OCS vmr inside the cell was also adjusted to be consistent with an air leak. i.e.

$$\text{VMR} = 2 \text{ Torr} / P_{\text{CELL}} (\text{Torr})$$

Fitting the entire  $\nu_3$  OCS region, the RMS fitting residuals are quite sensitive to the cell pressure, even though the MATMOS ILS is much broader than the lines.

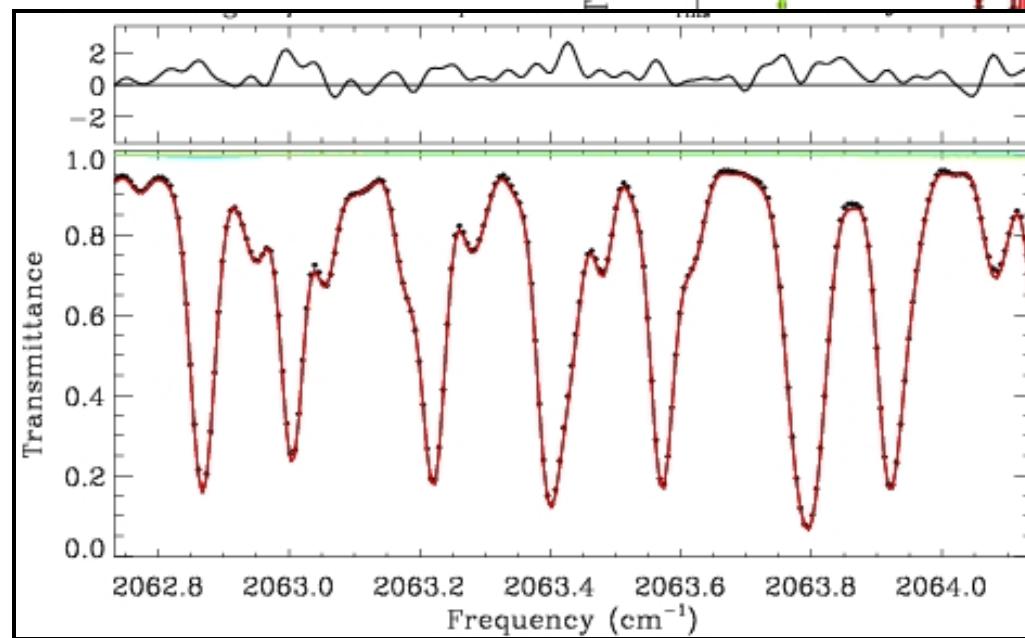
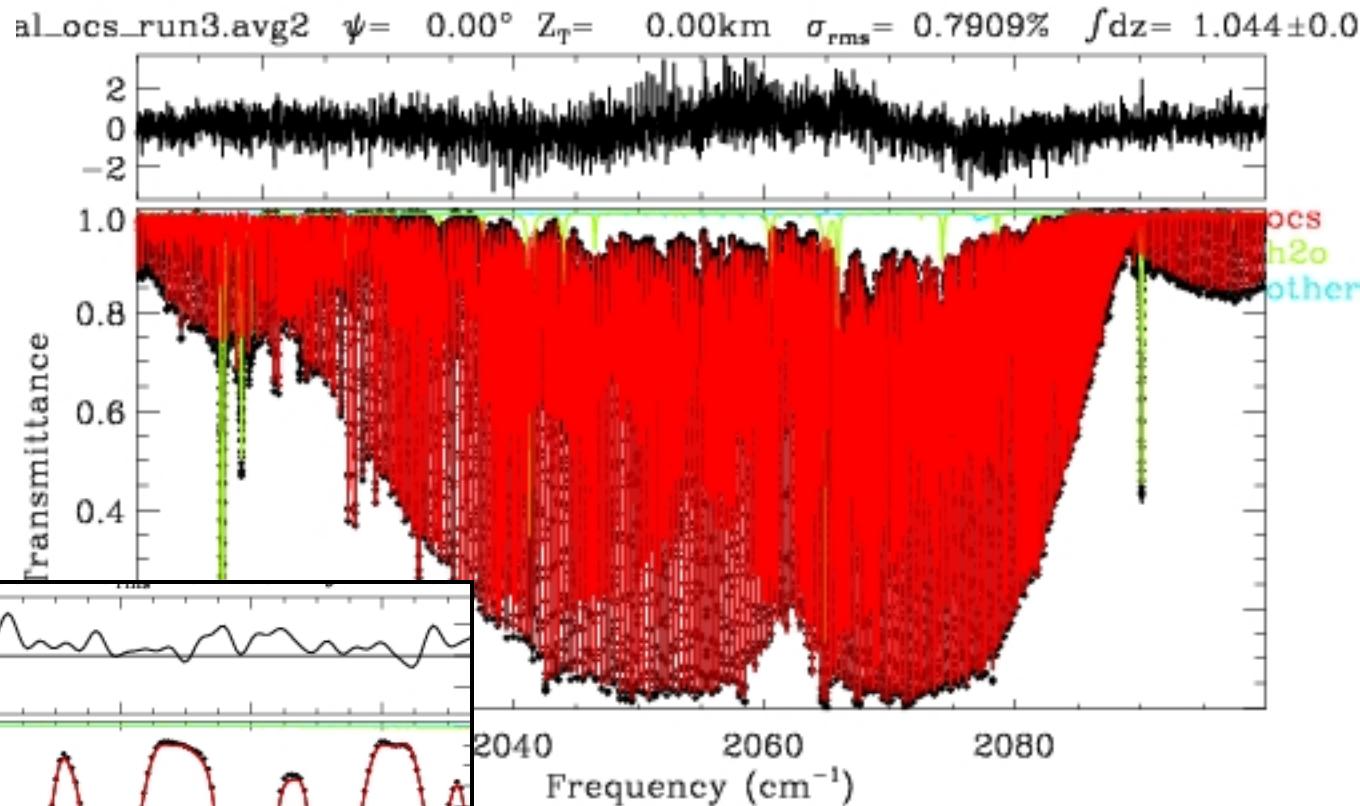
25% error in the cell pressure causes a 35% increase in the rms residual.

High sensitivity due to wide range of line strengths in different parts of their curve of growth.

# After correcting pressure to 15 Torr

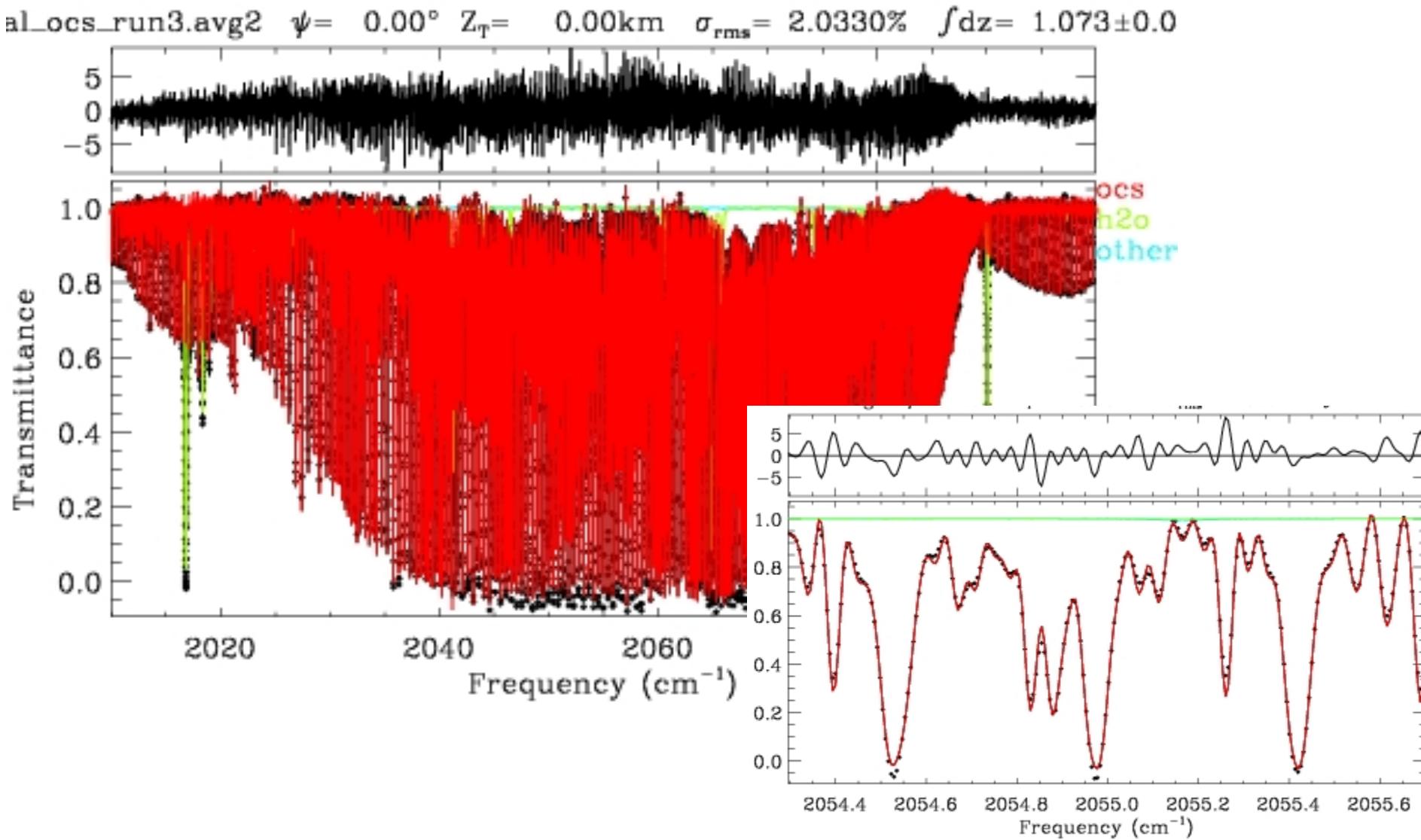
RMS residuals reduced by factor 7. Weak lines are now consistent with strong lines.

RMS is surprisingly sensitive to assumed cell pressure



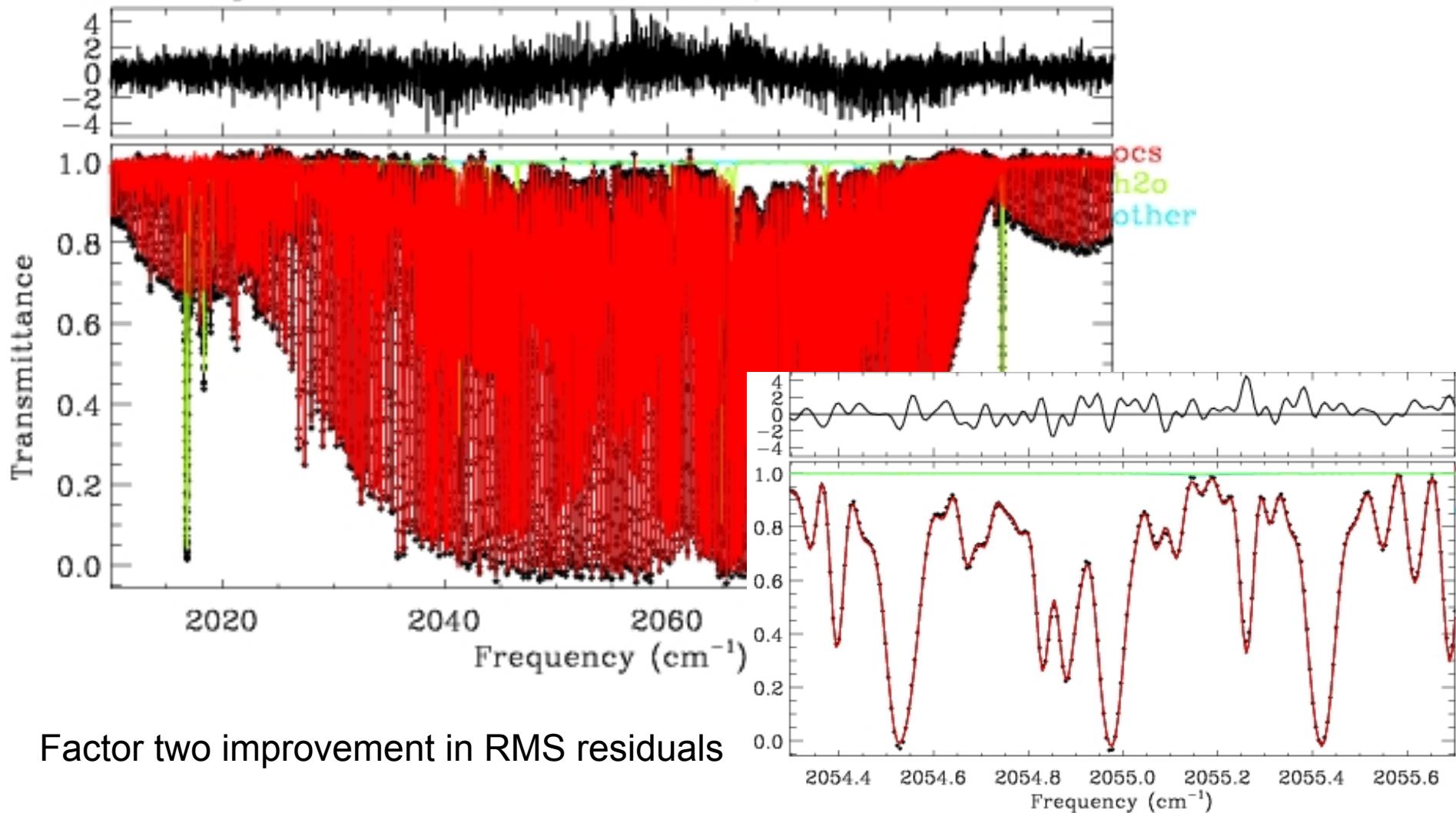
The OCS data can now be used to determine the ILS, without fear of bias.

# Fit using theoretical ILS (25.3 cm OPD; 6.25 mrad FOVI). No Apodization

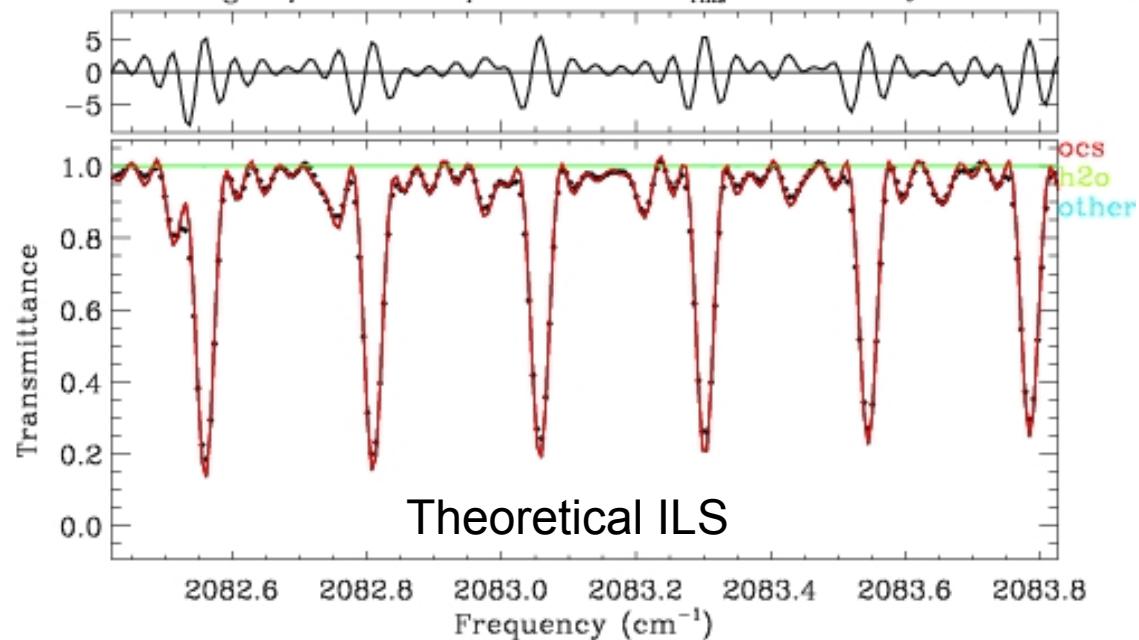


# Fit using tweaked ILS (AMAL=6.5 mrad). No apodization

al\_ocs\_run3.avg2  $\psi = 0.00^\circ$   $Z_T = 0.00\text{km}$   $\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 1.0161\%$   $\int dz = 1.043 \pm 0.0$



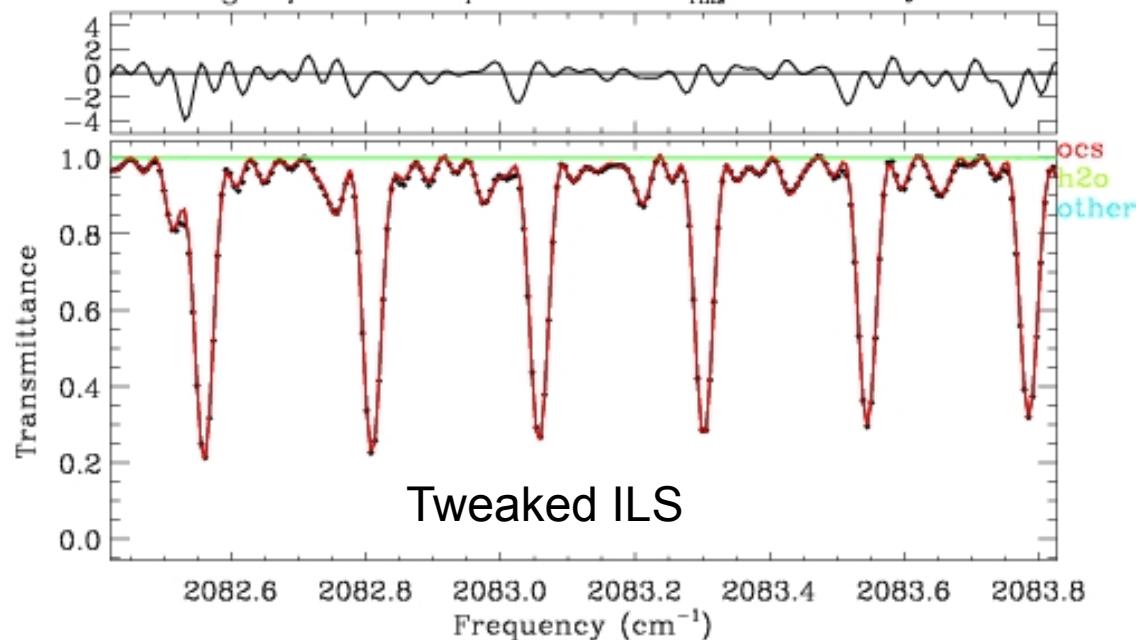
al\_ocs\_run3.avg2  $\psi = 0.00^\circ$   $Z_T = 0.00\text{km}$   $\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 2.0330\%$   $f_{\text{dz}} = 1.073 \pm 0.0$



W-shaped residuals imply that measured ILS is broader than the theoretical calculation.

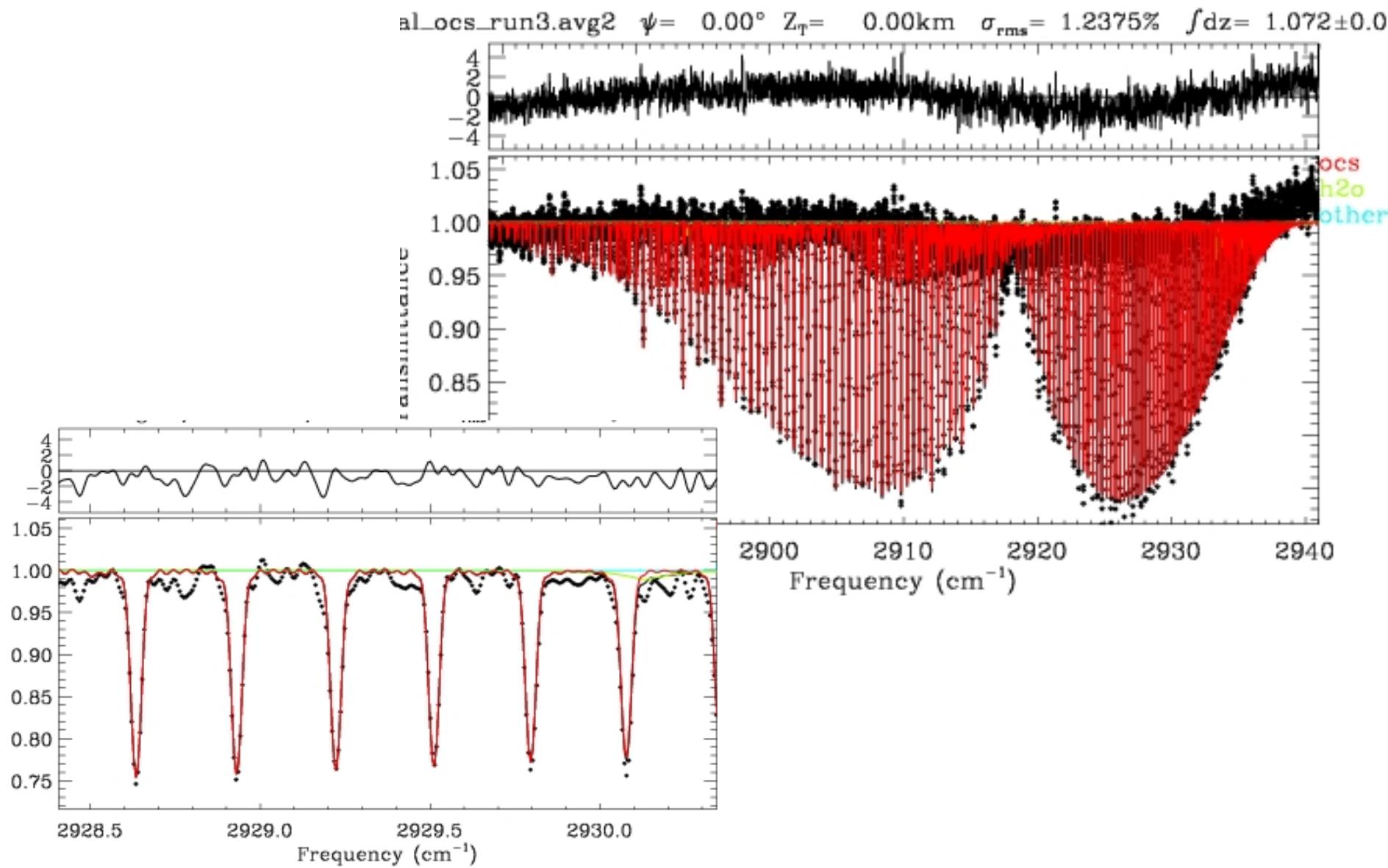
Negative residuals are lower on left of line than on right, Implying misalignment .

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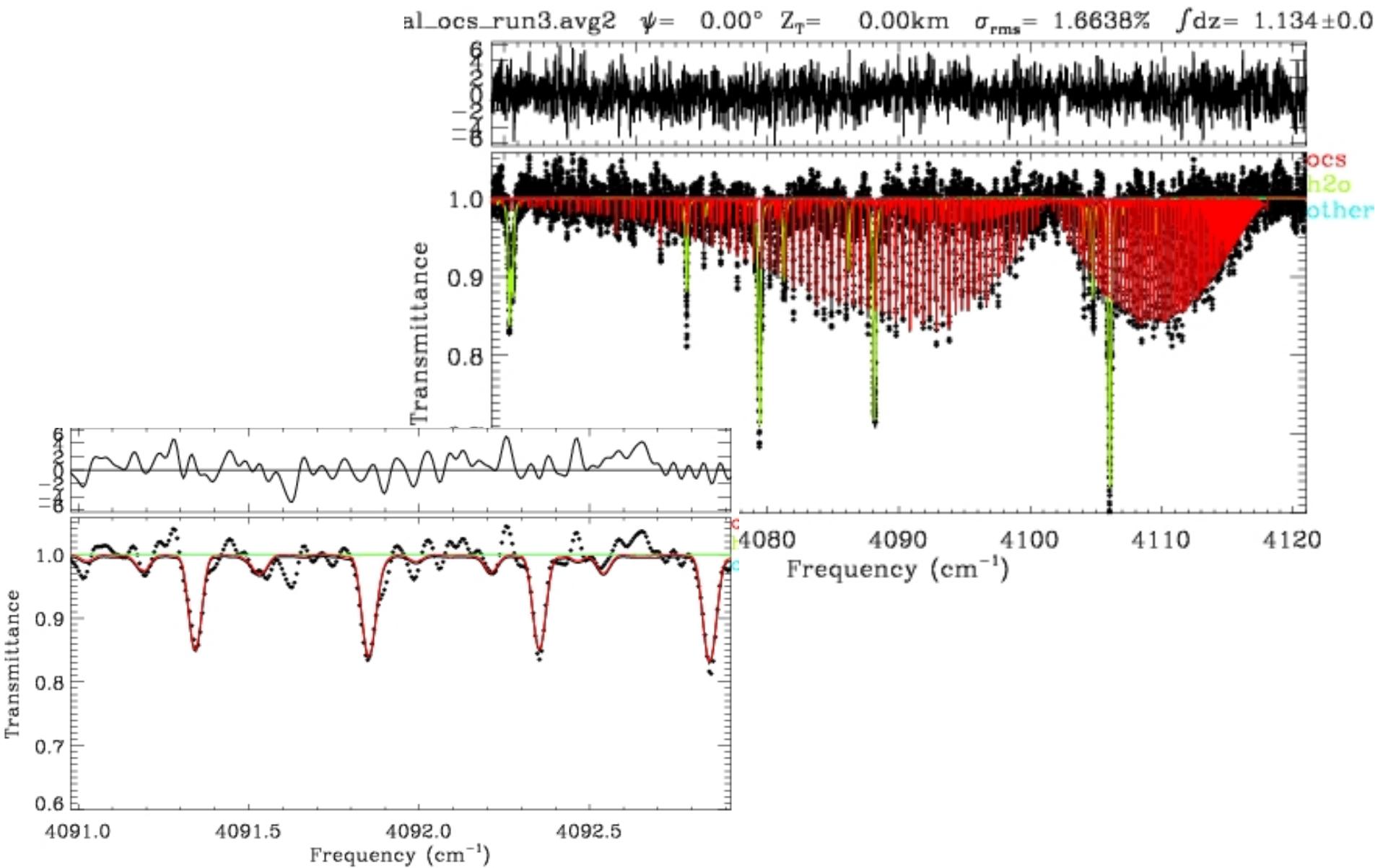


Tweaked ILS is broader but still symmetrical. It produces much better residuals (factor 2)

# Low pressure OCS gas cell 2900 cm<sup>-1</sup>



# Low pressure OCS gas cell 4100 cm<sup>-1</sup>



# Conclusions

MATMOS is difficult to align because transmission of visible radiation is very small. So you can't "see" the Haidinger interference fringes.

There has been a marked improvement in the quality of InSb spectra from the MATMOS EDU measured on 2012-04-11. They have a higher SNR and spectral resolving power than those acquired previously.

For 4s of scanning, we now achieve a SNR of over 300:1 at  $2000\text{-}2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  decreasing to 80:1 at  $4100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to the glowbar source.

The rectangular component of the ILS is  $\sim 45\%$  wider than theoretical and is slightly asymmetrical, suggesting a remaining mis-alignment.

The total ILS width (Sinc + Rectangle) is only 10% wider than theoretical at  $2050\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Previously it was more than double.

The pressure in the OCS cell is 15 Torr, not the nominal 2 Torr. Total OCS slant column is consistent with filling to 2 Torr, implying that air has leaked into the cell.

Fitting the strong  $v_3$  OCS band provides an excellent check on the cell pressure, even for instruments that cannot directly resolve the line broadening.

# Future

NASA withdrew from the ExoMars TGO 2016 collaboration with ESA.

No new funds are anticipated for MATMOS in FY' 13.

Work will continue at JPL with test-bed/EDU until Sept 2012.

The EDU will then be returned to Canada.

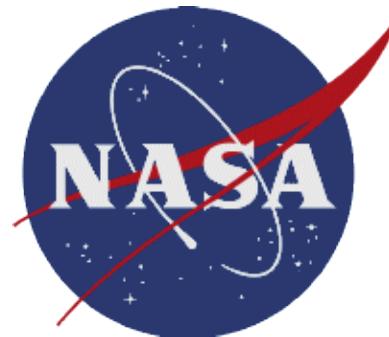
We hope that MATMOS will be re-activated for a 2018 or 2020 Mars mission.

Over the next 4 months tests at JPL will continue to:

- Demonstrate RAD-750 based data acquisition from the 24-bit ADCs and on-board processing of raw interferogram data into spectra
- Identify cause of low signal in the HgCdTe detector
- Measure sensitivity to low levels of vibration
- Acquire spectra of 3.39 um HeNe laser to measure ME and look for ghosts
- Identify causes of remaining spikes/glitches in the spectrum



# Investigating Non-Linearity in ACE interferograms



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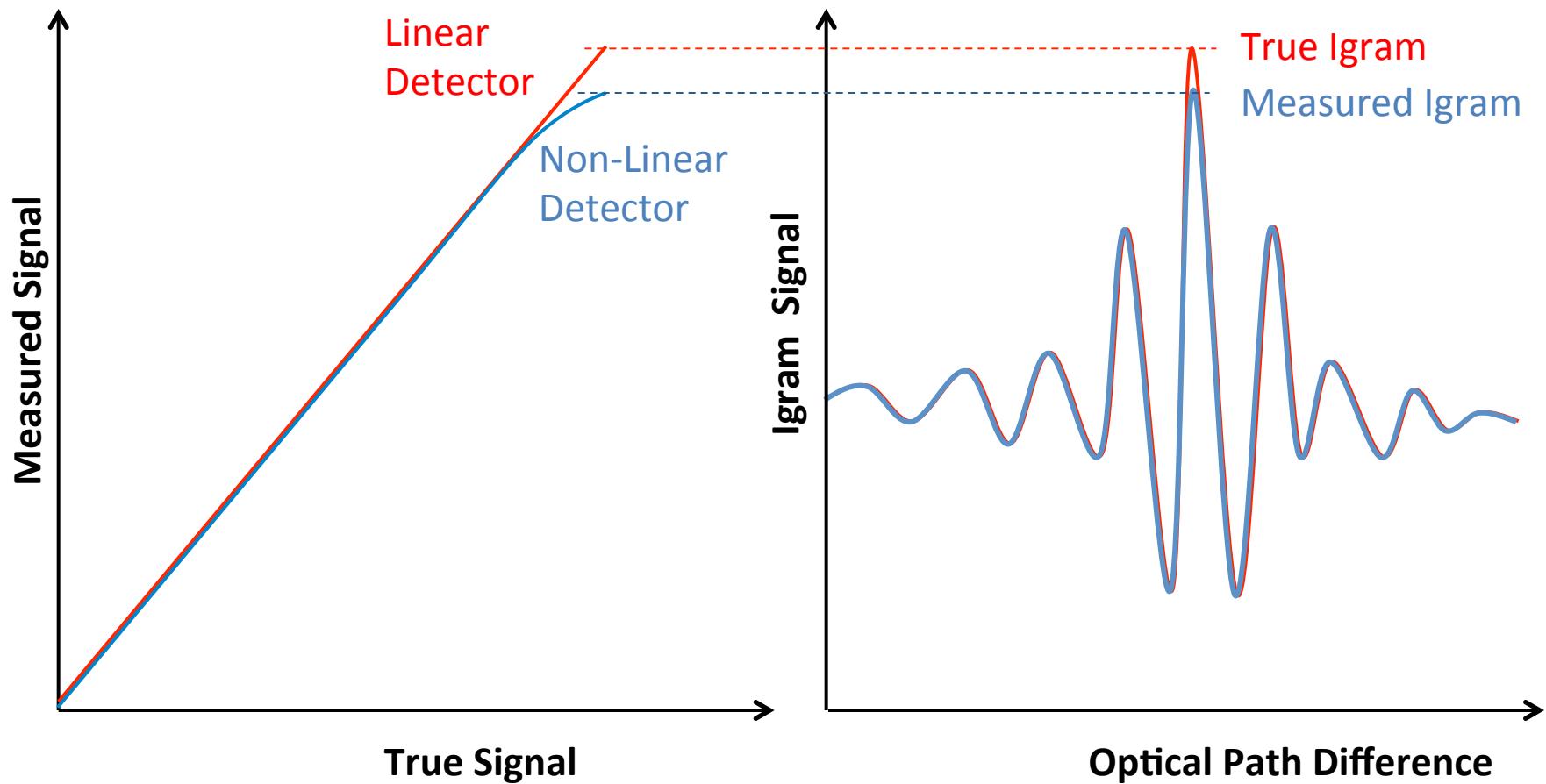
To help inform the MATMOS detector requirements, I looked at ACE interferograms to try to quantify the degree of non-linearity in the ACE detectors:

- HgCdTe : PV, 780 um diameter,  $750 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  cut-on
- InSb : PV, 1000 um diameter,  $1850 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  cut-on

ACE interferograms differ from MATMOS interferograms in three main respects:

- Sampled in equal steps of OPD not time (which is irrelevant for this work)
- AC coupled (MATMOS is DC coupled)
- HgCdTe cut off wavelength is longer ( $750 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

# Effect of Non-Linearity on Interferograms



*Only points very close to ZPD are affected by non-linearity*

# Smoothing removes interferometric modulation

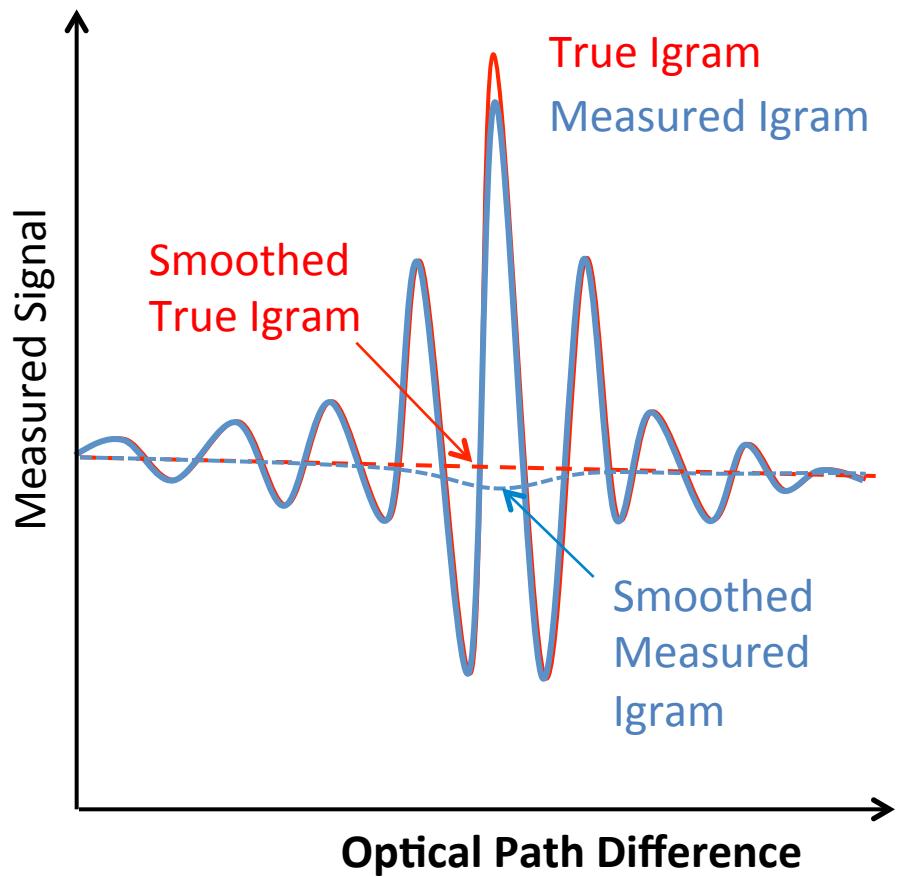
Interferograms are a super-position of cosine waves, of different wavelengths, all of which are in-phase at ZPD.

When you smooth a cosine wave, it collapses into a straight line.

When you smooth a superposition of cosine waves, it should also collapse into a straight line.

If the smoothed igram has a dip at ZPD, the superposition wasn't done linearly.

This forms the basis of a method of quantifying detection non-linearity, as suggested by Keppel-Aleks et al., [2007].



# ACE Interferograms

Selected 8 consecutive bright-sun ACE interferograms covering 40-60 km altitude:

XXX-COMBINED-1269187725.750  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187727.816  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187729.887  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187731.953  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187734.020  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187736.086  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187738.152  
XXX-COMBINED-1269187740.219

where XXX = MCT or InSb

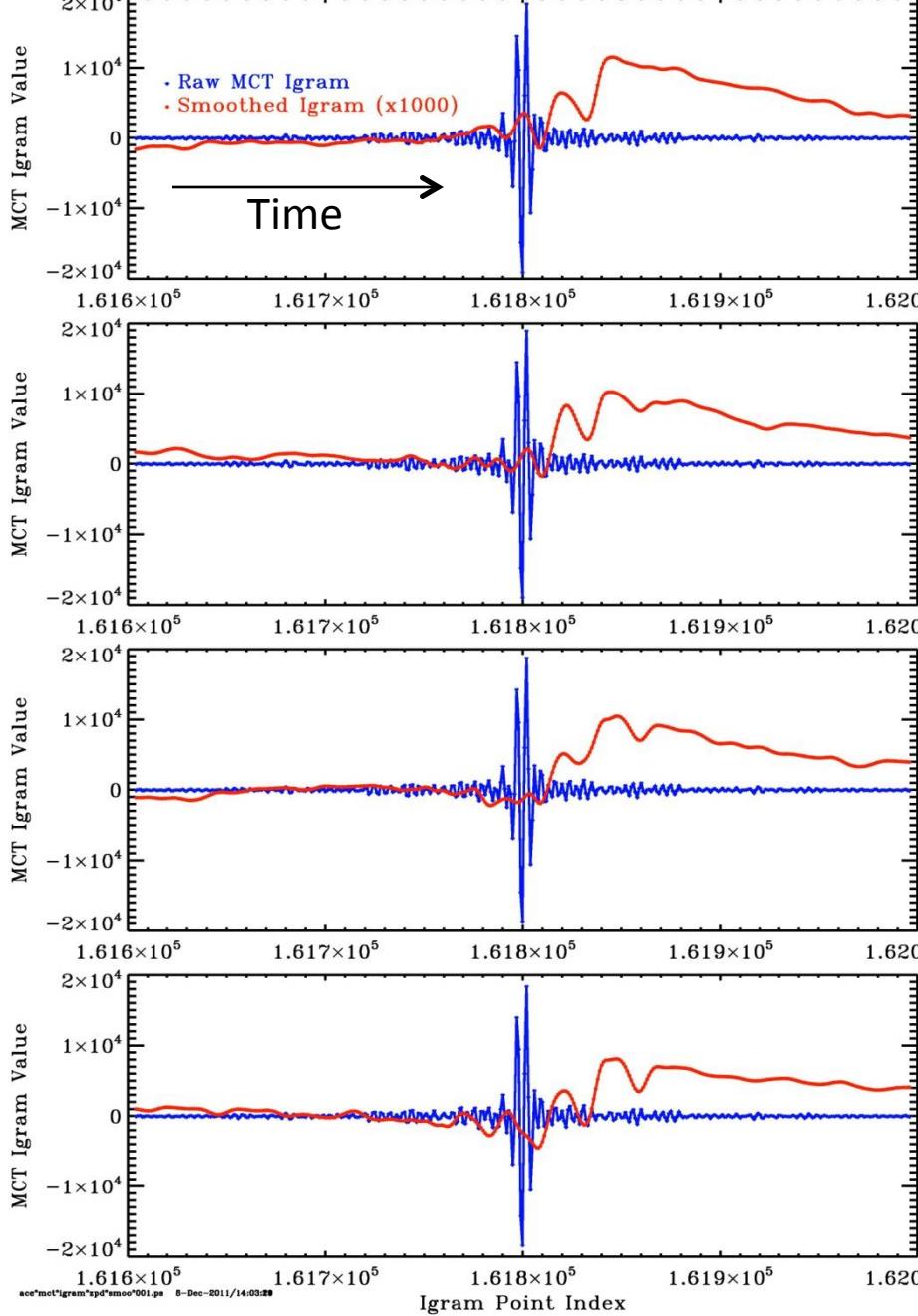
MCT interferograms are sampled every 1.545 um (metrology laser wavelength)

InSb interferograms are sampled every 0.772 um (half laser wavelength)

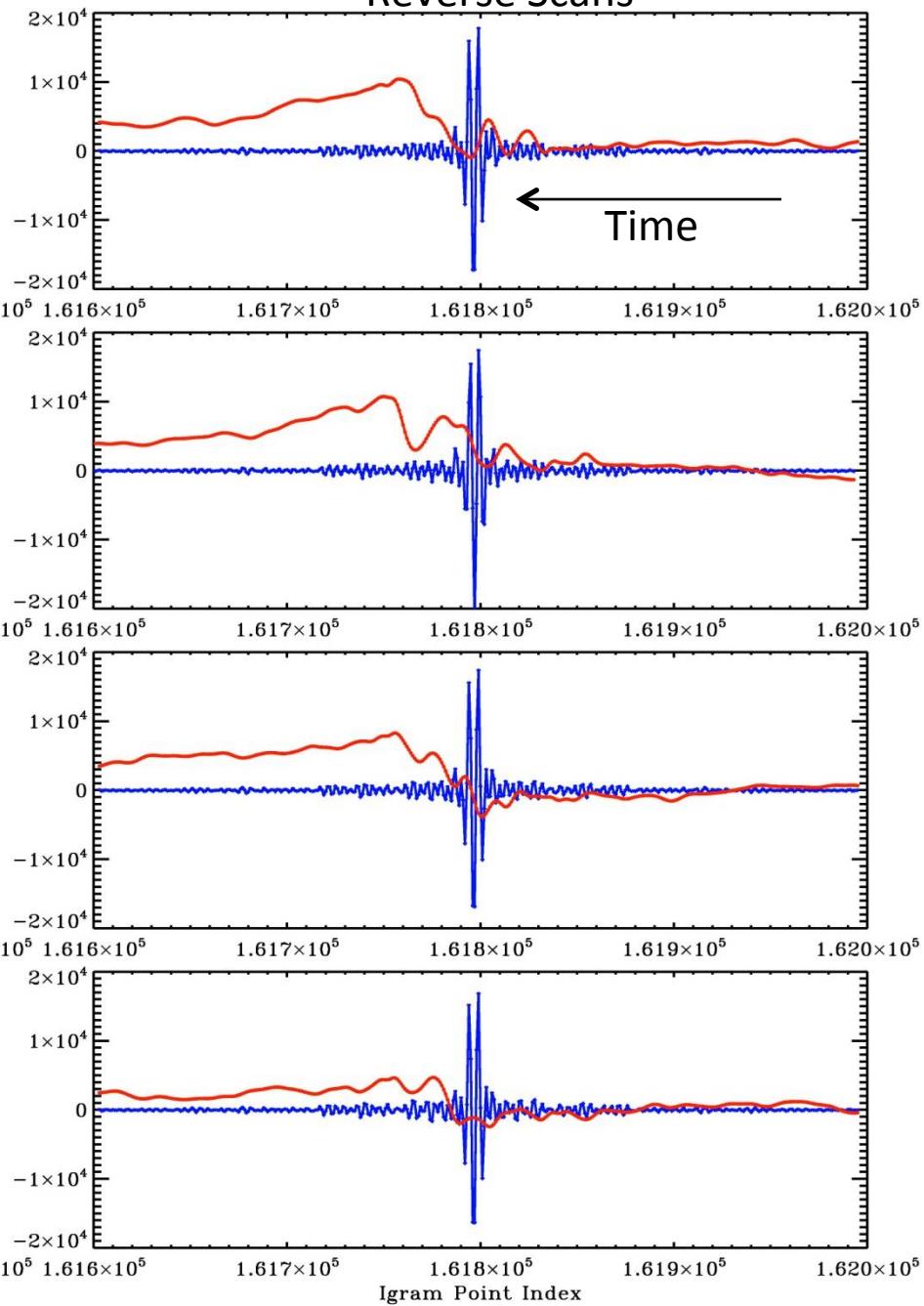
The ZPD regions of these interferograms were digitally smoothed with the narrowest possible filter that still removed the fringes.

The ZPD regions of the interferograms, **raw** and **smoothed**, are shown in subsequent plots. ACE igram are sorted in OPD, not time. So in the forward scans (left panels) time increases, in the reverse scans (right panels) time decreases.

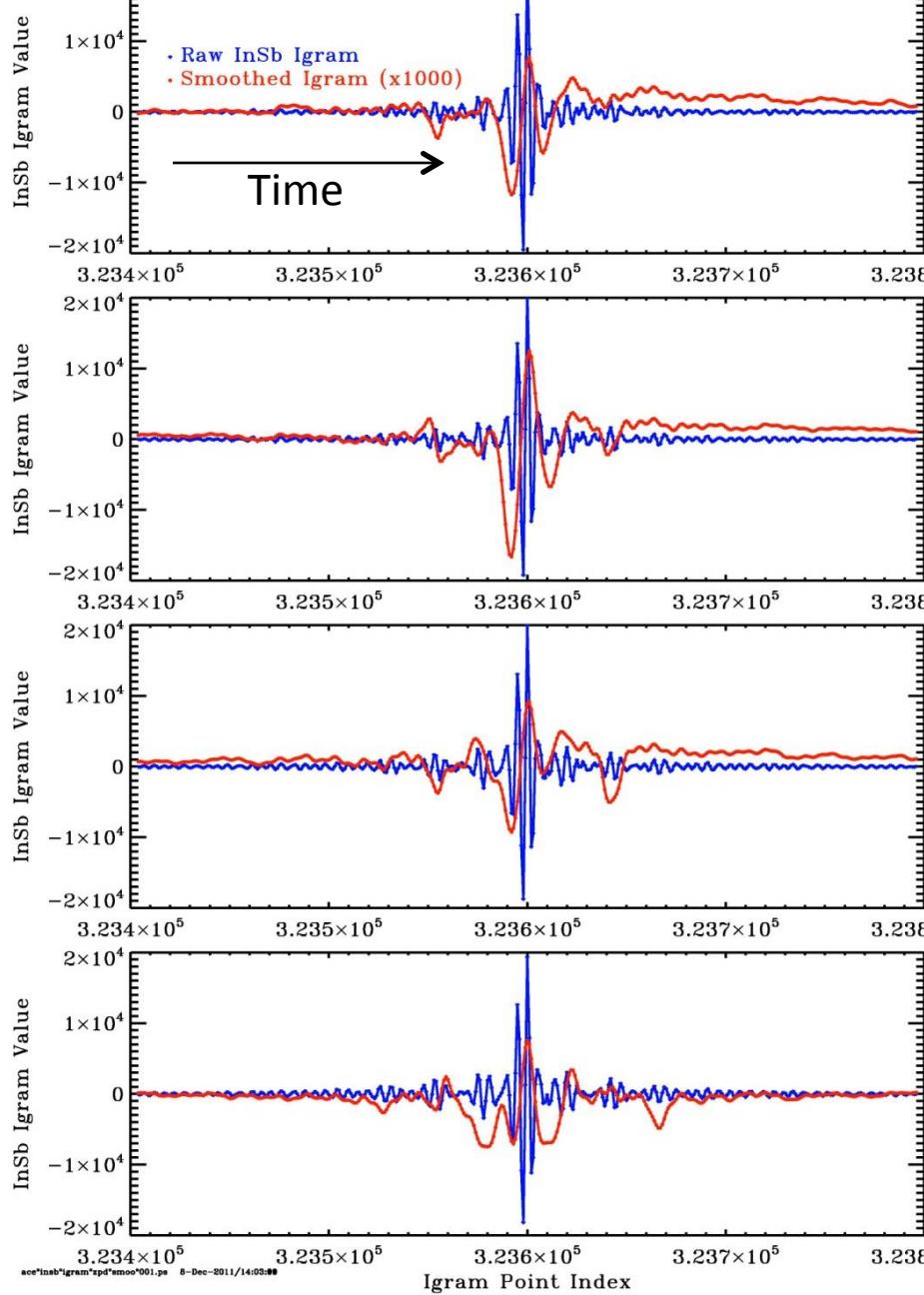
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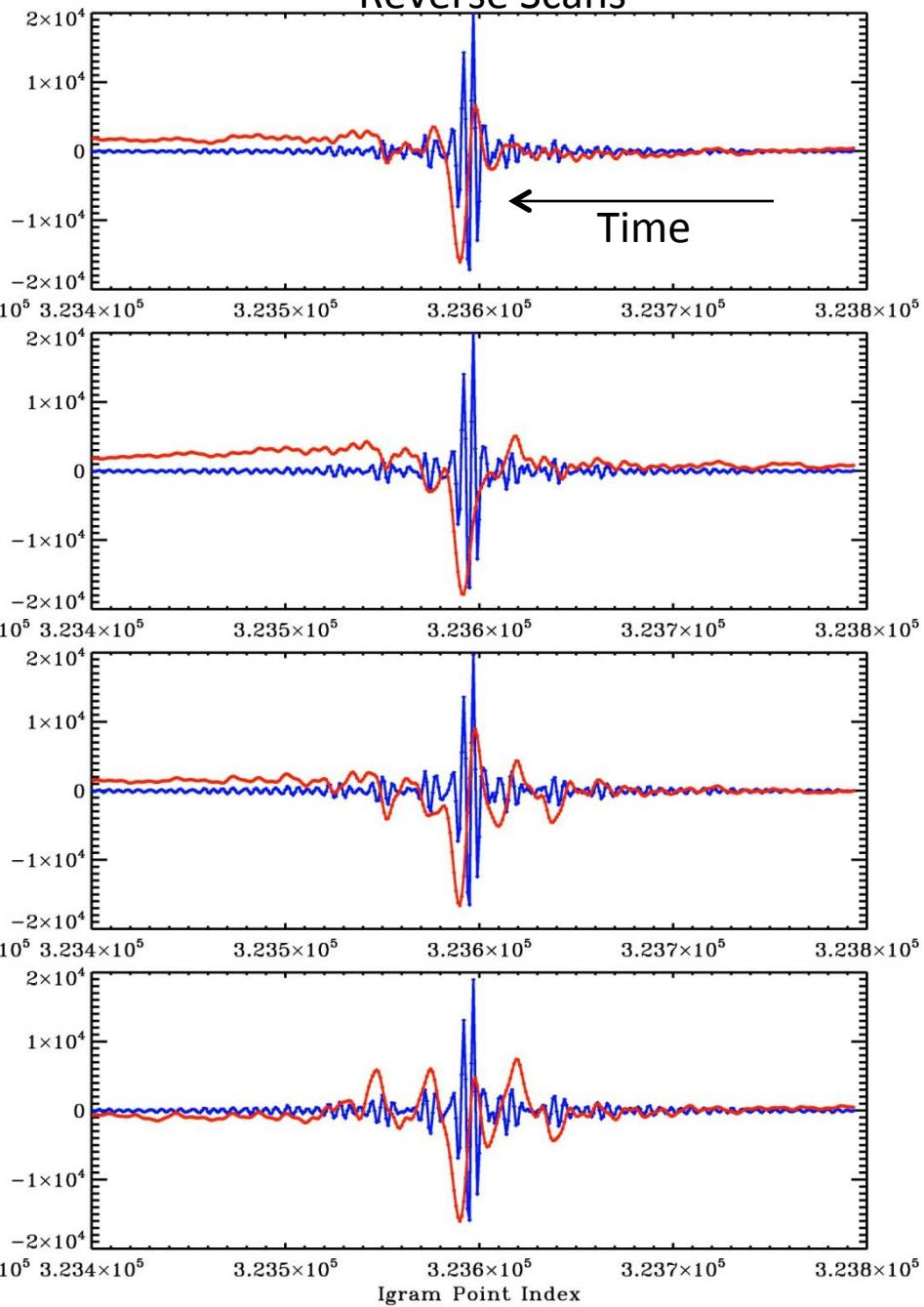
## Reverse Scans



## Forward Scans



## Reverse Scans



# Summary/Conclusions – Interferogram ZPD dips

ZPD dips in the smoothed ACE interferogram signals are very small (<0.1%)

This means one or more of the following is true:

- ACE detectors are highly linear
- AC coupling has removed the low-frequency component of the dip
- Interferograms have already been correction for detector non-linearity

While these results are consistent with the ACE detectors being highly linear, they are not conclusive.

# ACE Spectra

To try to obtain a more conclusive confirmation of the high linearity of the ACE detectors, the previously-shown interferograms were phase corrected and Fourier transformed into spectra.

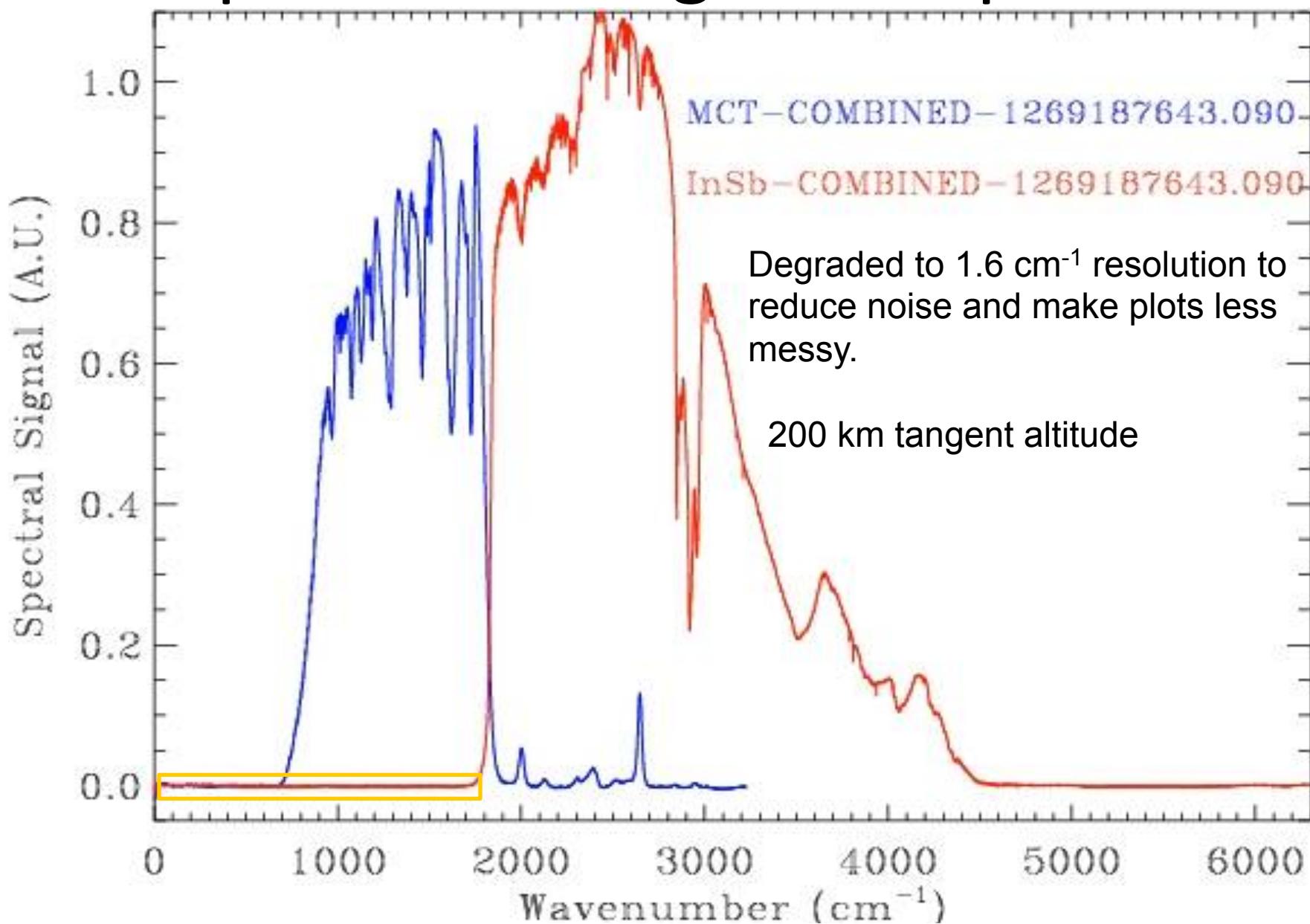
The effect of non-linearity (anywhere in the signal chain) is to create sum and difference frequencies, whose amplitude depends on the amount of non-linearity.

For a broad-band source, the totality of these sum/difference frequencies varies very slowly with wavenumber (it is the convolution of the spectrum with itself)

The sum/difference frequencies cause a zero level offset in the spectrum.

This is most apparent in spectral regions where we know that there is no signal, e.g. wavenumbers below the detector cut-on.

# Example of ACE High-Sun Spectrum



# How does igram non-linearity relate to zero-offsets in the spectra?

Assume that only the largest (ZPD) interferogram point is affected by non-linearity (implicitly assumes a narrow ZPD region and a broad spectral bandwidth).

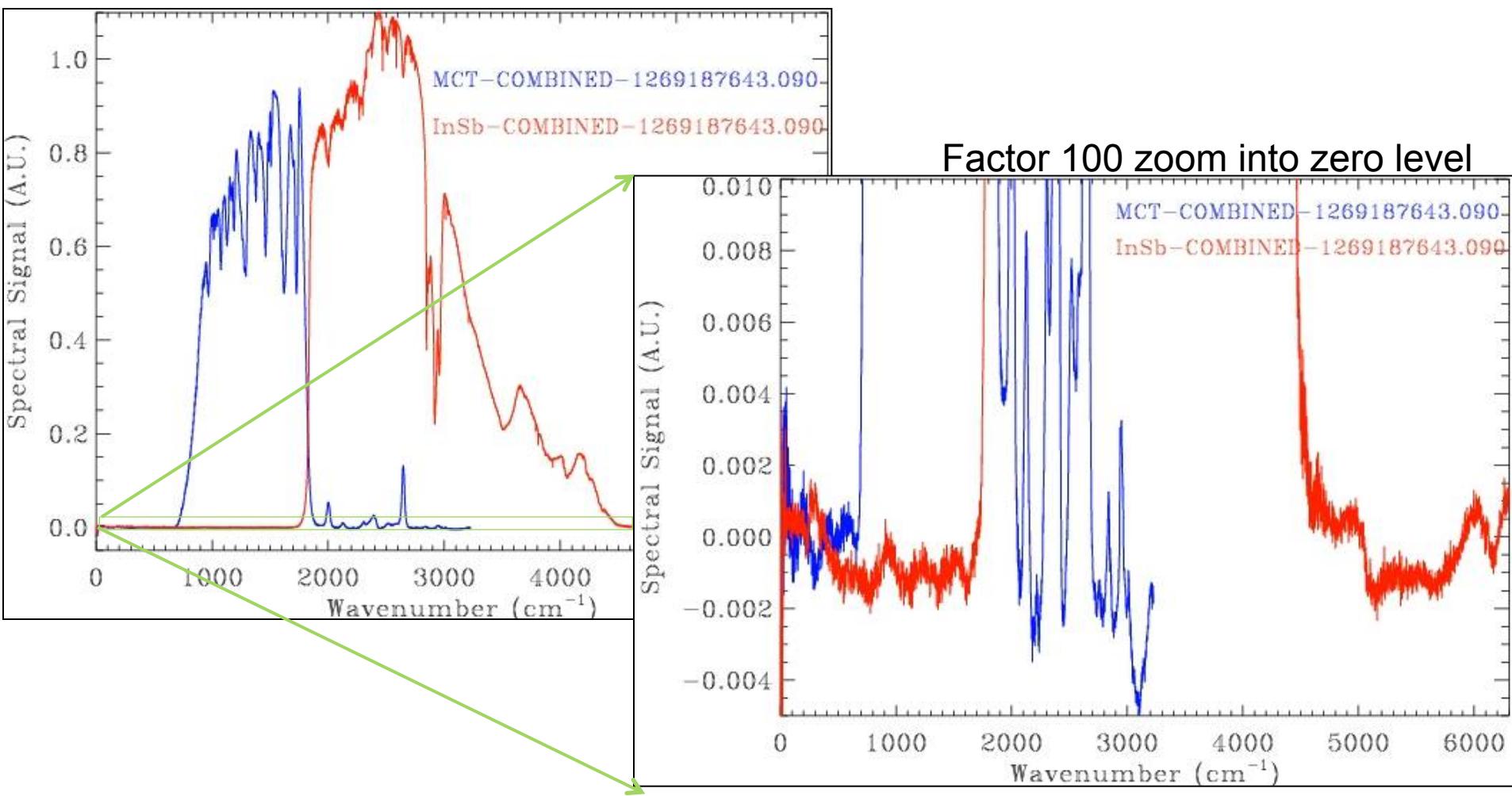
This interferogram point sets the DC level in the spectrum.

So if the largest igram point is reduced by 1% due to non-linearity, the mean spectral level will be reduced by 1%.

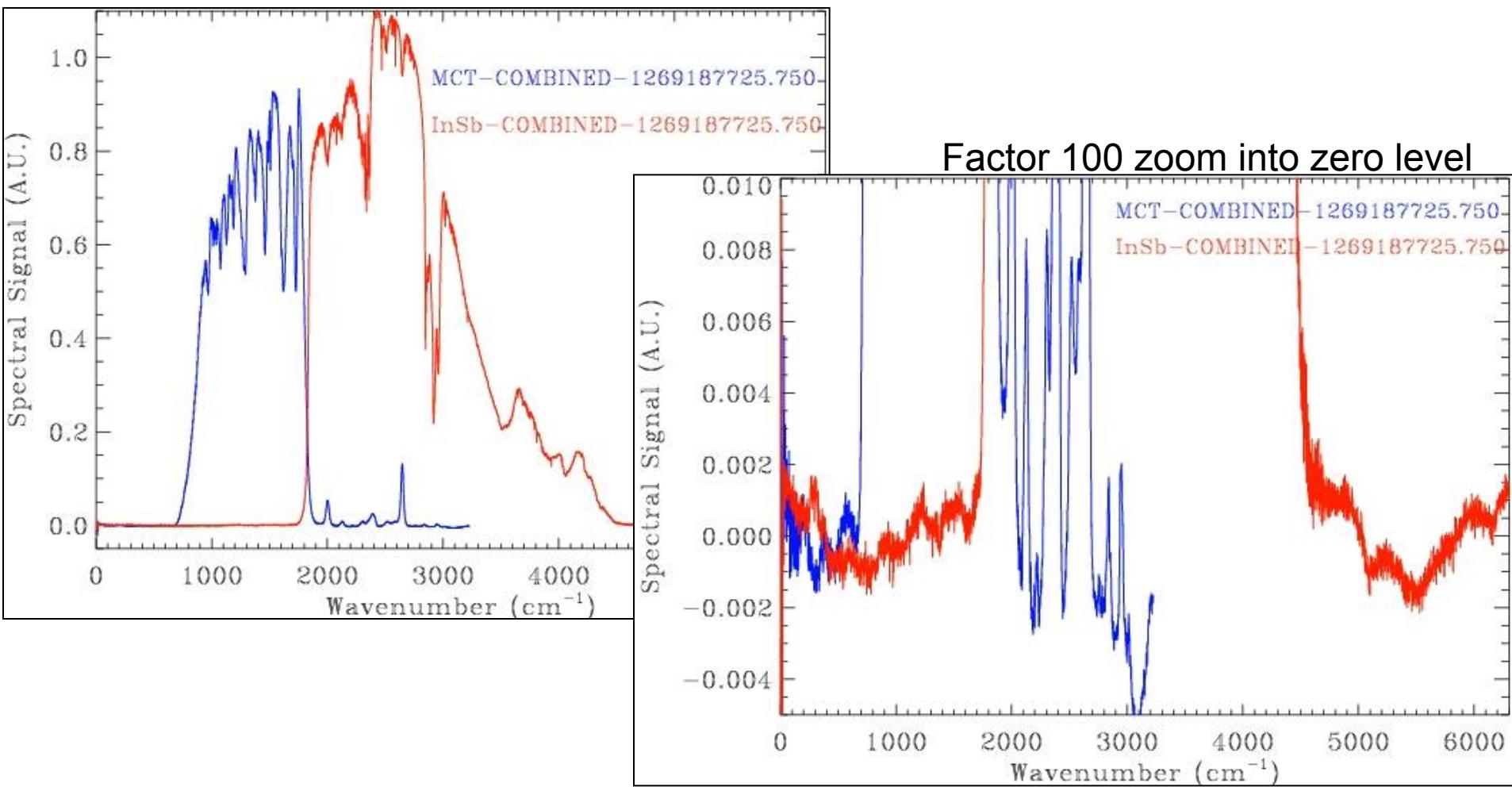
This will cause a zero level offset of 0.5% of the peak spectrum signal.

So to within a factor 2, the fractional zero-level offset in the spectrum is equal to the fractional non-linearity in the interferogram at ZPD.

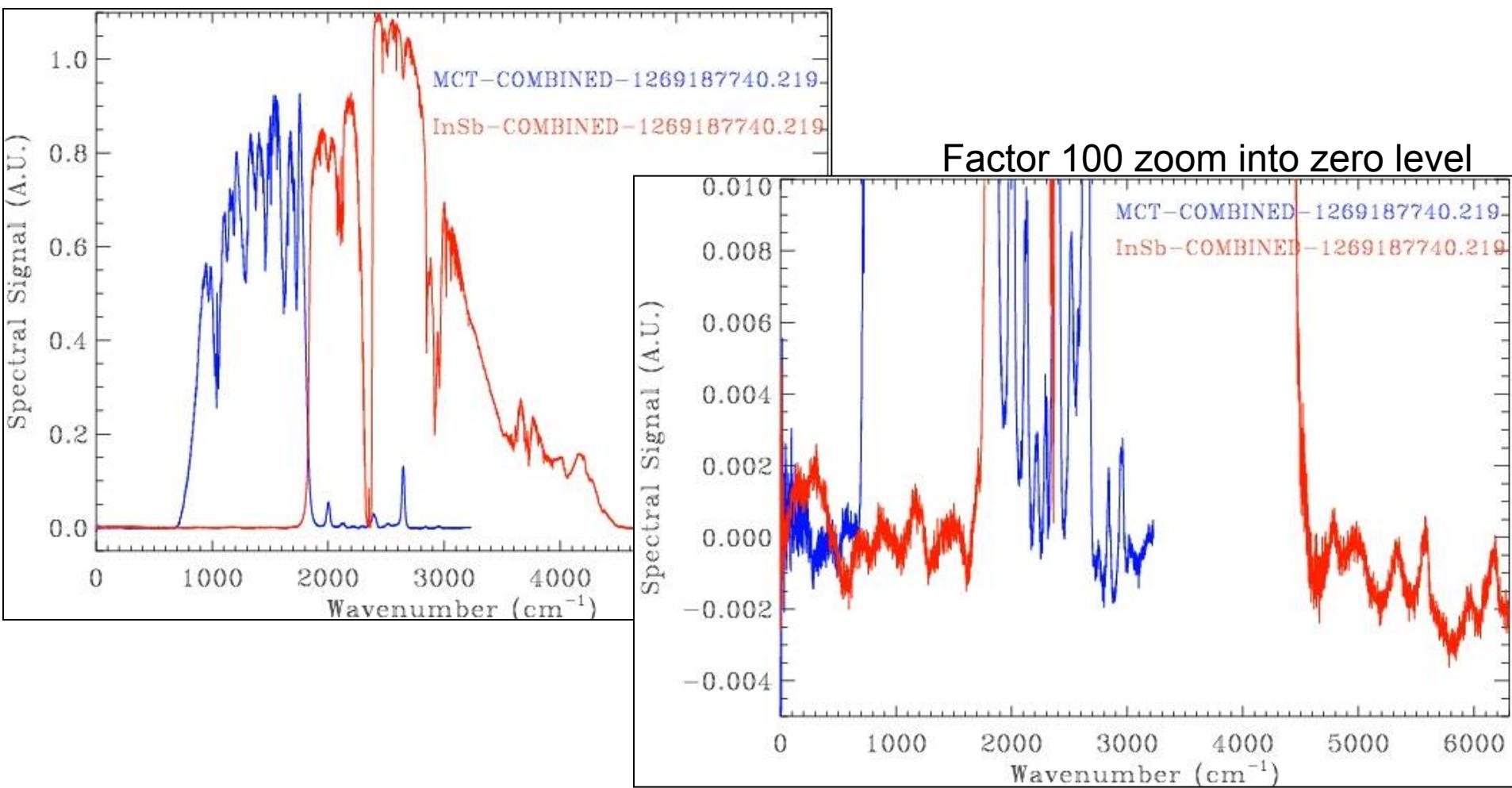
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# Conclusions – ACE Spectral Offsets

Examined 3 ACE spectra representing ~200 km, 60 km, 40 km altitudes.

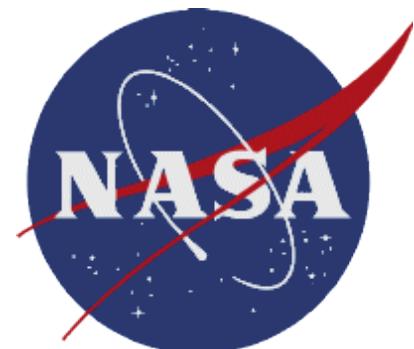
In low wavenumber spectral regions, where we know the ACE detectors have no response, spectral offset are < 0.15%.

This implies that the non-linearity in these interferograms is < 0.3%

So at the flux levels seen from space, the ACE detectors are linear to better than 99.7%, unless:

- There is an opposite compensating non-linearity in the pre-amps (unlikely)
- The interferograms have already been corrected for non-linearity (unlikely)





# CH<sub>3</sub>Cl Linelist Evaluation

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A CH<sub>3</sub>Cl linelist has been developed by Bray, Perrin, Jacquemart, et al. See:

*C. Bray, A. Perrin, D. Jacquemart, N. Lacome, The  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_4$  and  $3\nu_6$  bands of methyl chloride in the 3.4-um region: Line positions and intensities, Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy & Radiative Transfer 112 (2011) 2446–2462*

*C. Bray, D. Jacquemart, J. Buldyreva, N. Lacome, A. Perrin, N2-broadening coefficients of methyl chloride at room temperature, Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy & Radiative Transfer, 2012 (in press)*

This is a proper quantum-mechanically-based linelist generated by highly reputable spectroscopists (not a pseudo-linelist).

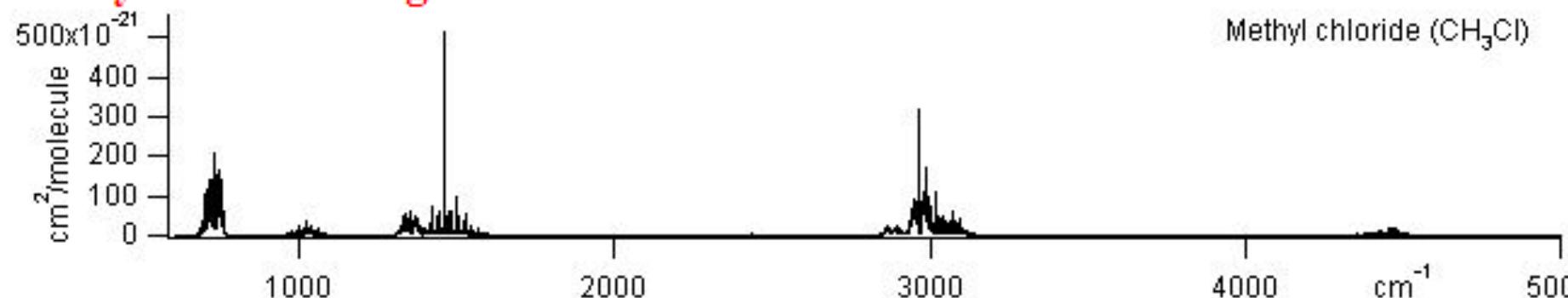
*In this presentation, Kitt Peak laboratory spectra and MkIV balloon spectra are used to evaluate this new linelist.*

<http://vpl.astro.washington.edu>

Fundamental vibrational frequencies of molecules in database ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

Molecule	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	$\nu_4$	$\nu_5$	$\nu_6$
Methyl chloride ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ )	2937	1355	732	3039	1452	1017

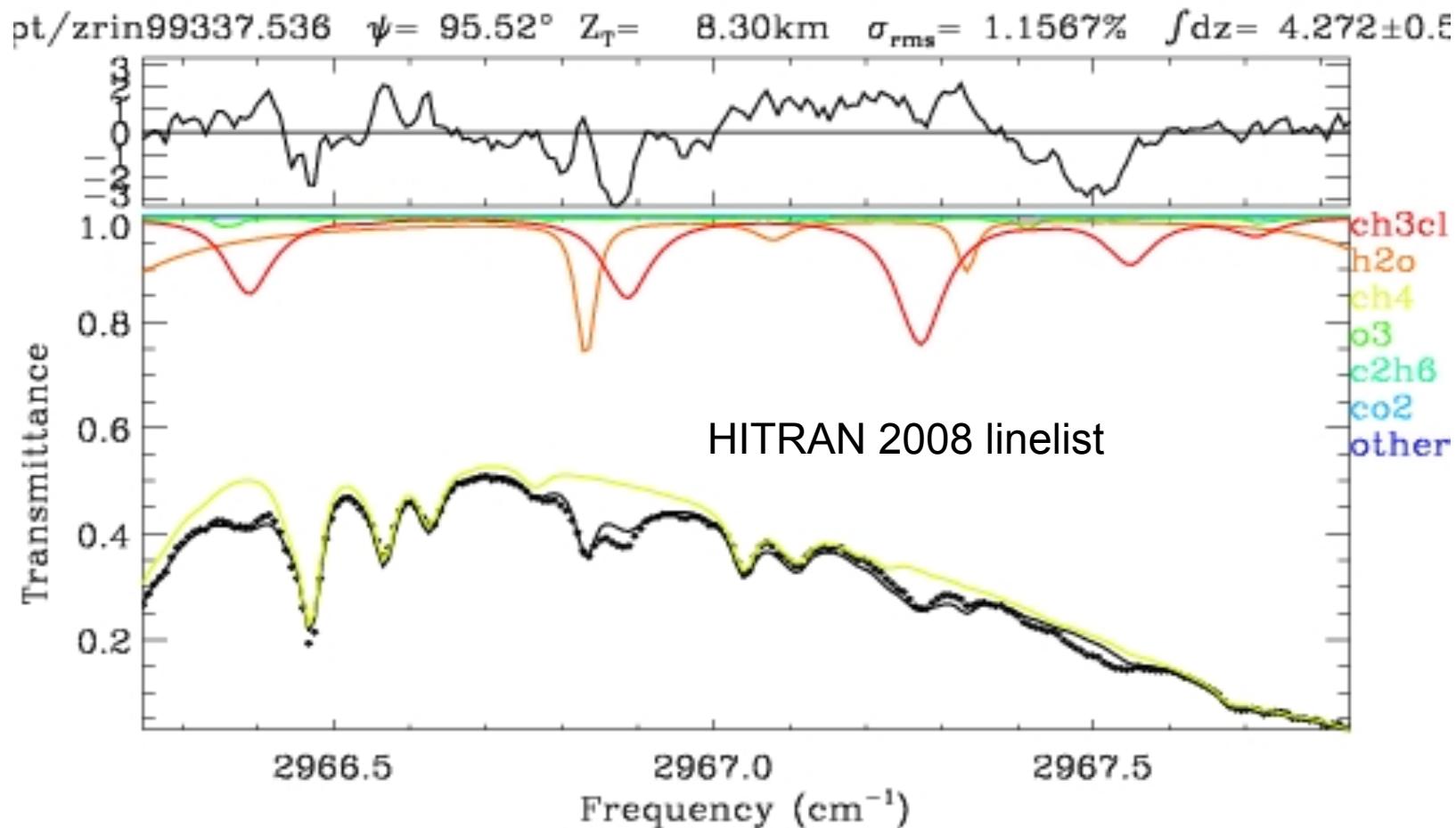
Methyl chloride images from PNNL



2960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region does not contain the strongest IR CH<sub>3</sub>Cl feature, but it is the best for remote sensing of the troposphere since the 1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region blacks out below 12 km.

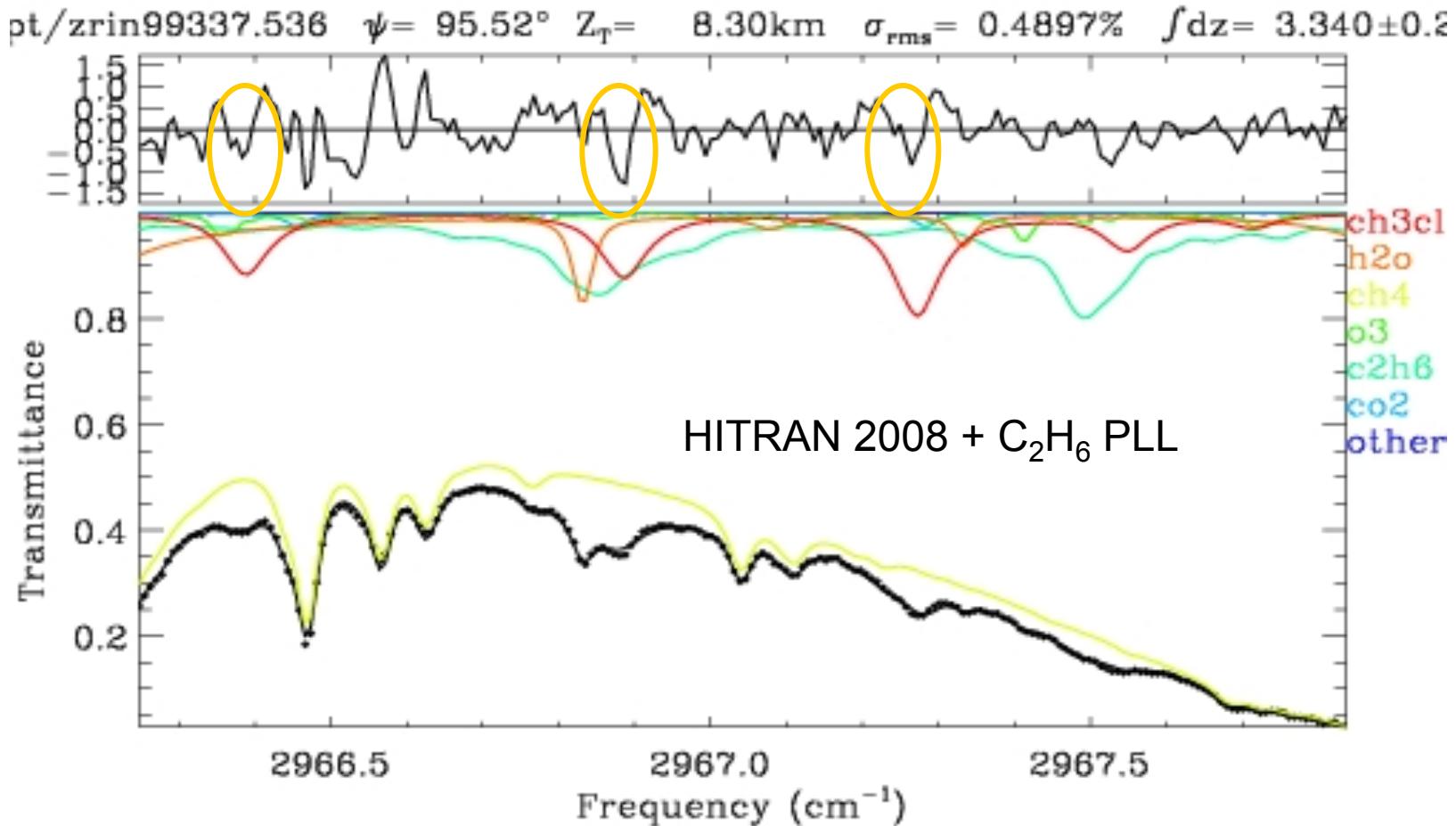
2960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region is messy due to overlap (and interaction) of  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_4$ ,  $2\nu_5$ ,  $2\nu_3 + \nu_5$  &  $3\nu_6$

# Fit to MkIV balloon spectrum at 8.3 km



Largest residuals result from omission of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> in this region of HITRAN\_2008. Henceforth, in this presentation, a C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> pseudo-linelist (PLL) will be used, based on the work of Harrison and Bernath [2011].

# Fit to same MkIV balloon spectrum



Including  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$  PLL results in a factor 2-3 improvement in the residuals.  
But two serious problems remain with the HITRAN  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ :  
(1) Systematic “dips” in the residuals, (2) Limited spectral coverage

# Lab Spectra

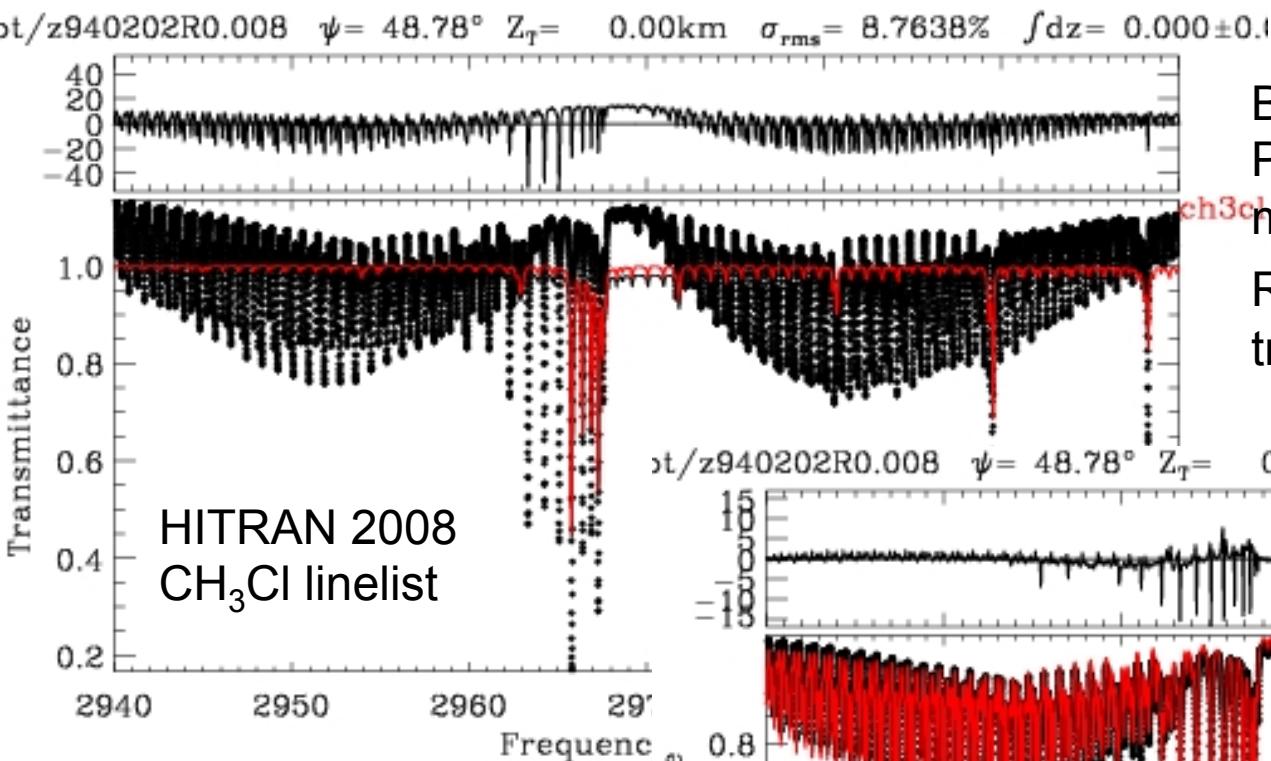
Look at some laboratory spectra of CH<sub>3</sub>Cl measured by Linda Brown in 1994 at Kitt Peak. Used a 4.4m cell at 0.02 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral resolution.

Pure gas sample at 290K and 0.3 Torr

Air-broadened sample at 290K and 289 Torr

See if same systematic residuals appear in fits to the lab spectra.

# Fit to Kitt Peak Lab spectrum (289 Torr)



Perrin linelist is much more complete including:

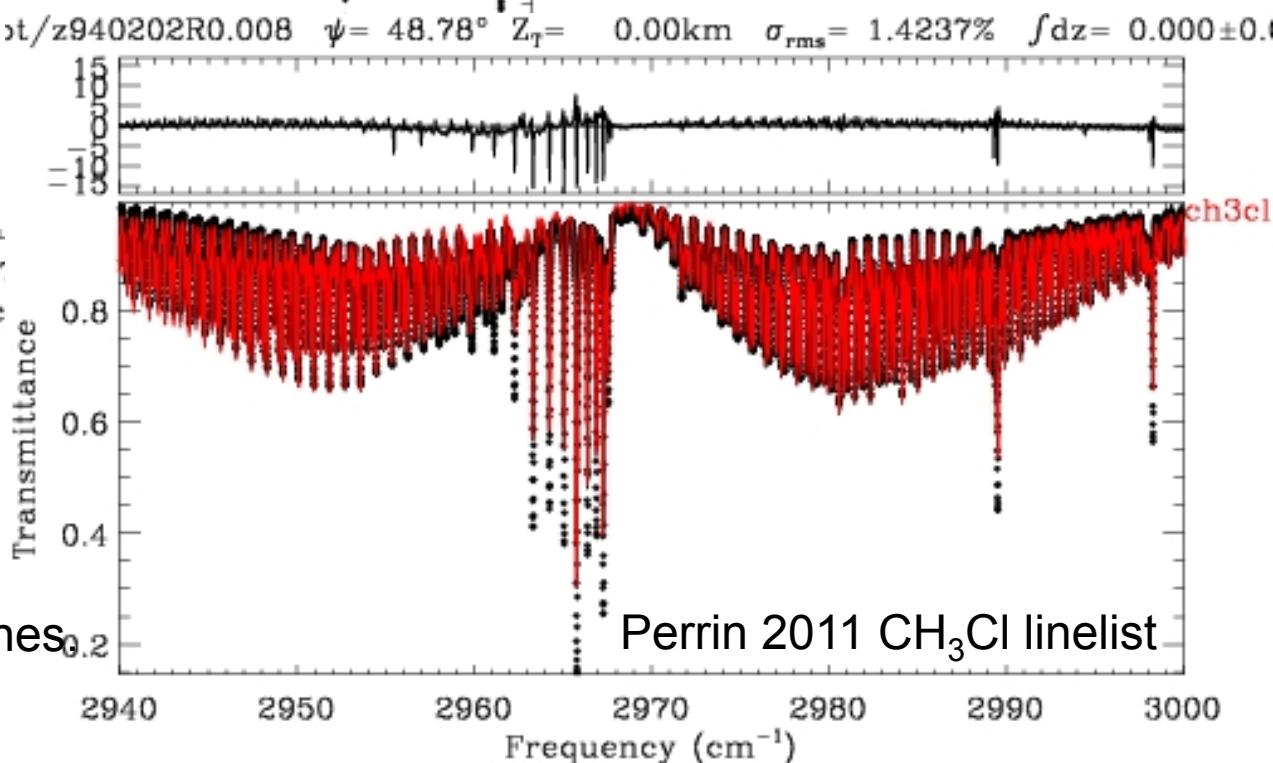
- All Q-branches
- P- and R-branches

But still residuals at Q-branches.

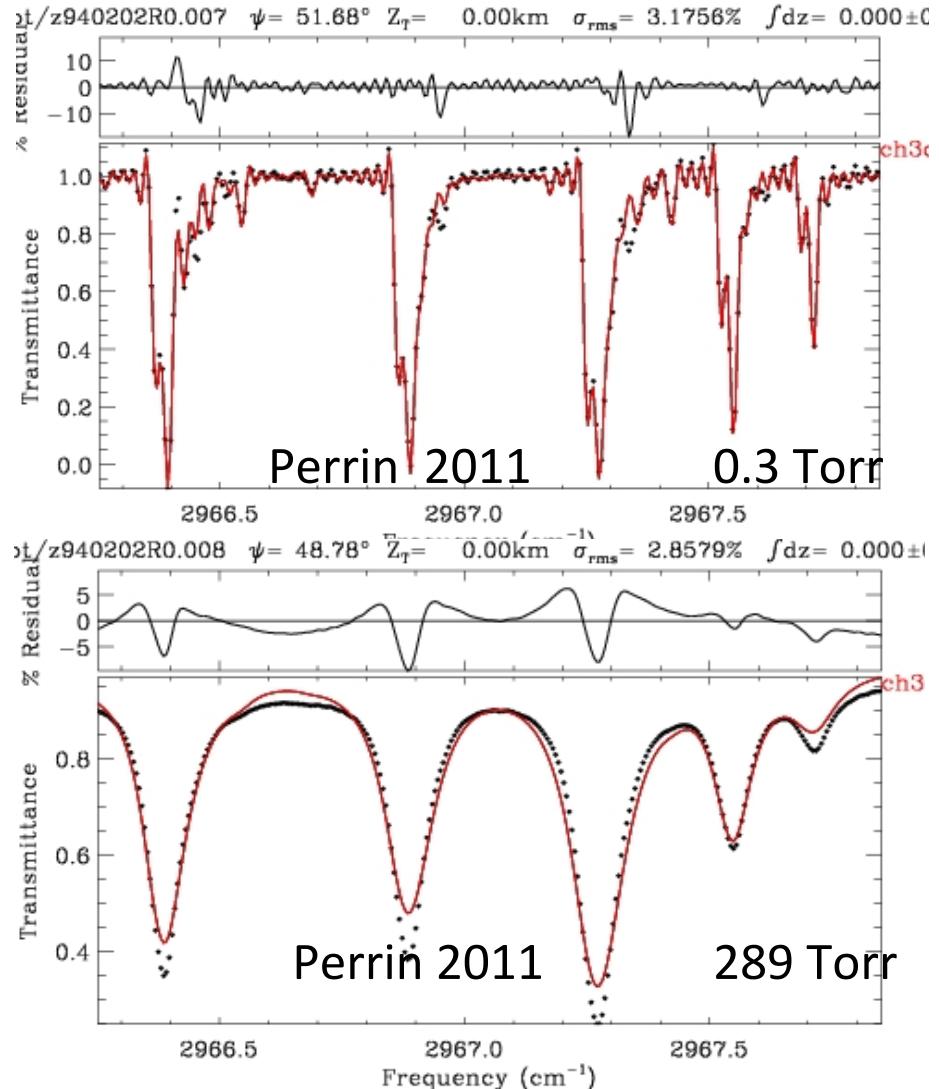
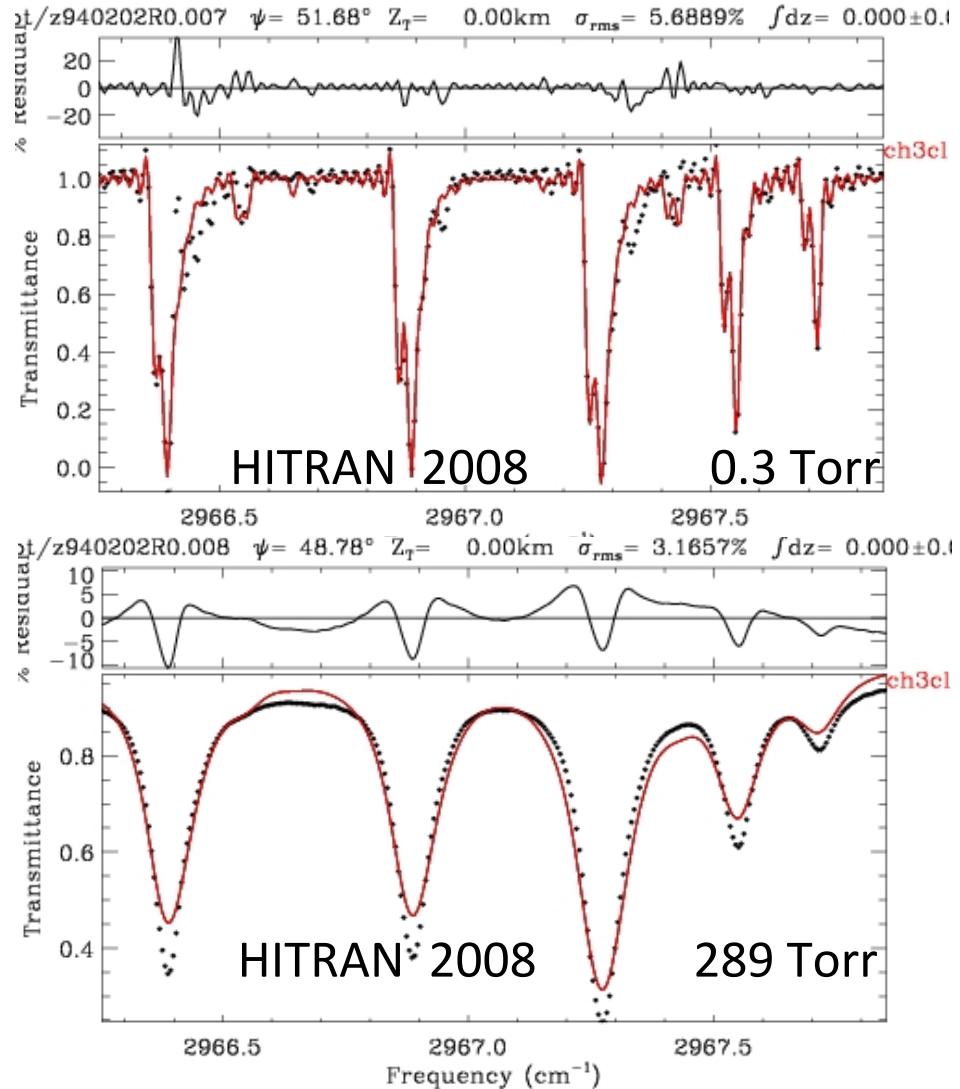
Need to investigate these.

Black points: measured Kitt Peak transmittance spectra measured in 1994 (L.Brown)

Red Line: Calculated CH<sub>3</sub>Cl transmittance



# Fits to Kitt Peak Laboratory Spectra

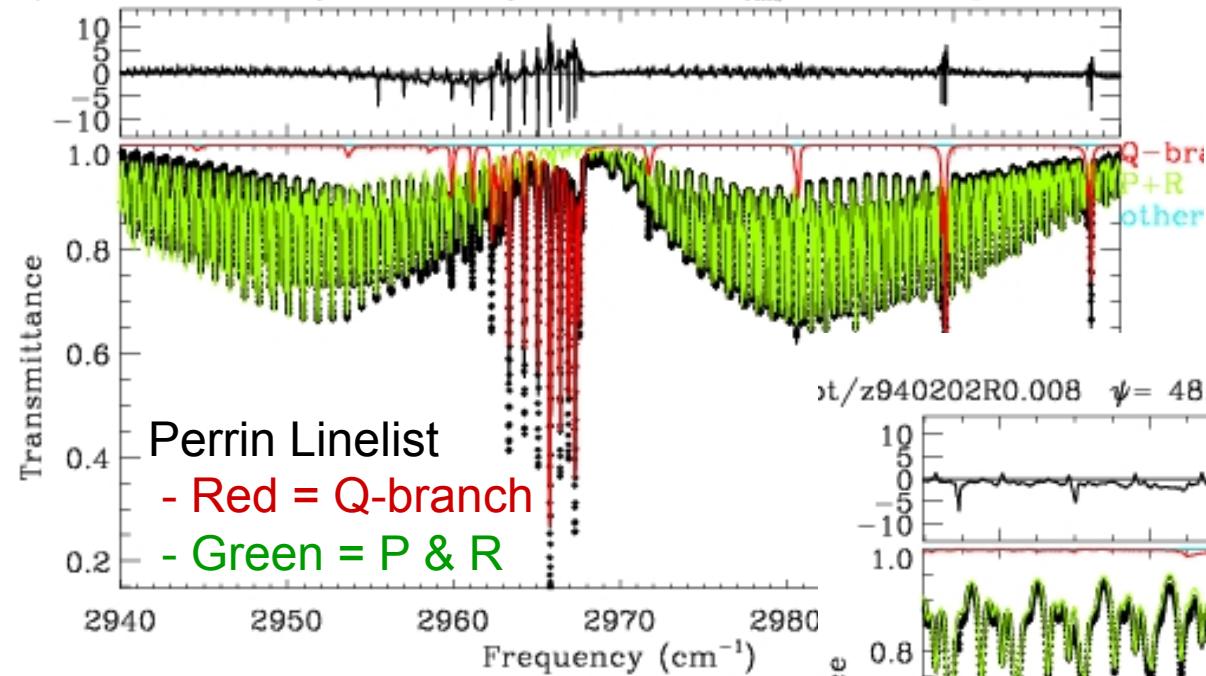


Even for the Q-branches covered by HITRAN 2008, the Perrin linelist is better, both at 0.3 Torr and at 289 Torr. But the systematic over-estimation of the widths remains.

# Fits to Kitt Peak Lab spectra (289 Torr)

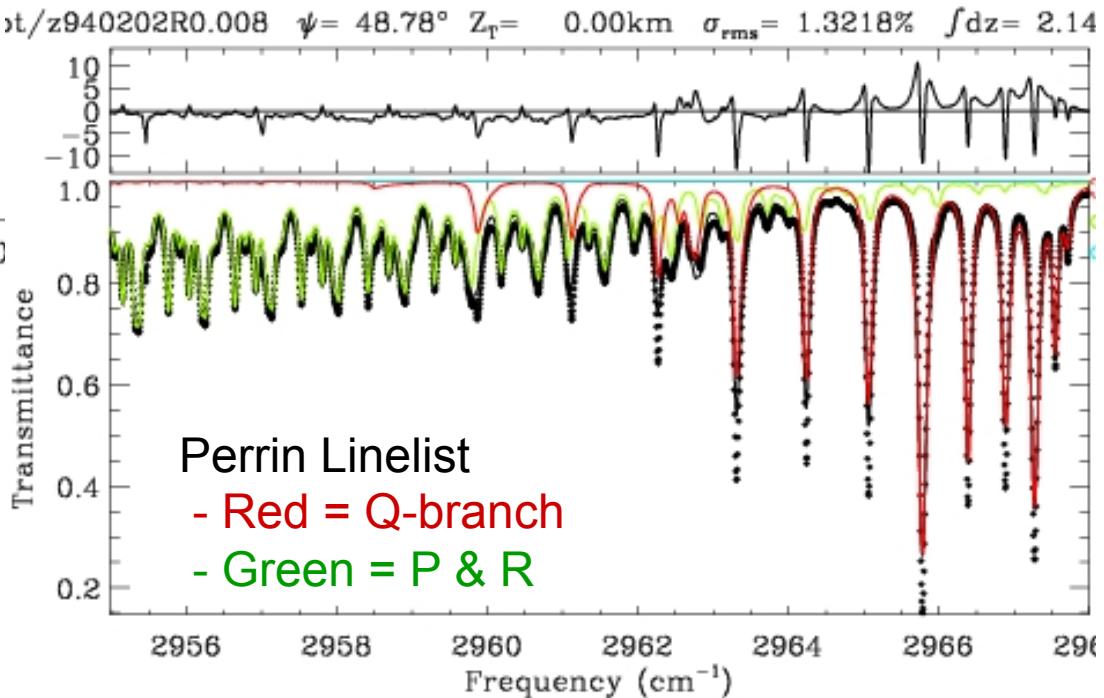
To understand residuals, plot the fits using different colors for P/R- & Q-branches

$\sigma_{\text{rms}} = 1.3218\%$   $\int dz = 2.145 \pm 0.1$



Measured Q-branches appear narrower than the calculations, causing large residuals.

Largest residuals correspond to Q-branch absorption lines (red). P & R-branches (green) are fitted very well.



# Line Mixing in CH<sub>3</sub>Cl ?

What could cause the Q-branches to be over-broadened in the Voigt calculation, but the P & R-branches fit so nicely?

The Q-branches consist of many overlapping individual lines. These would mix with each other causing the width of the feature to appear narrower than expected.

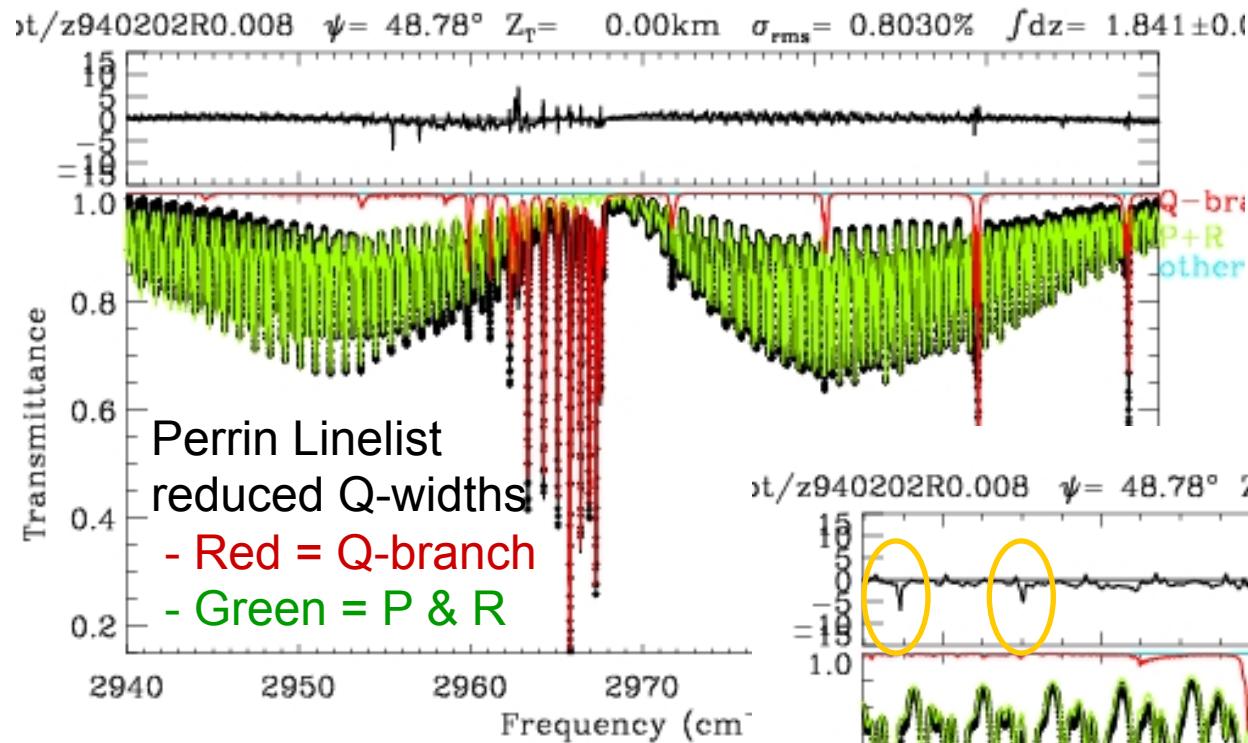
Unfortunately, I have no code to compute line-mixing in CH<sub>3</sub>Cl. Neglecting LM not only causes poor fitting residuals, it also causes the retrieved VMR profiles to be biased high in the lower atmosphere.

So, how to take advantage of the major spectroscopic advances embodied in Perrin's CH<sub>3</sub>Cl linelist, and not get skewed CH<sub>3</sub>Cl profiles with worse fits than previously?

Implemented a "kludge" in the line-by-line code that reads the linelist and computes the absorption coefficients: Reduces widths by 37% for CH<sub>3</sub>Cl Q-branch lines, leaving the P & R-branch lines unchanged.

This is a temporary solution, until a proper line-mixing code is available.

# New Fits to Kitt Peak Lab spectra

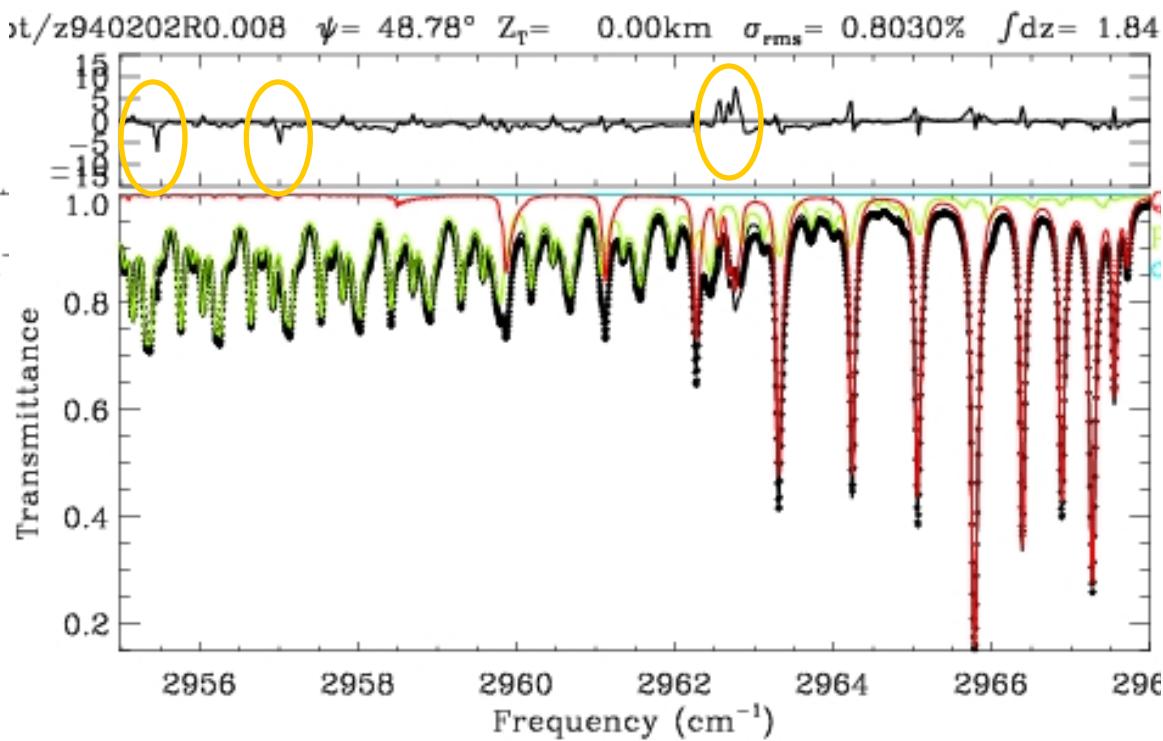


Still not perfect. Residuals now dominated by:

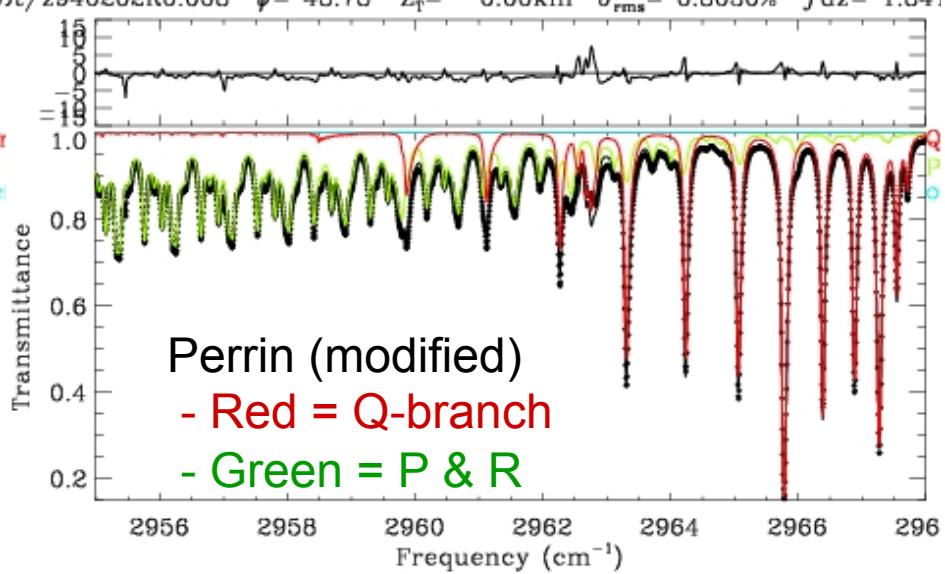
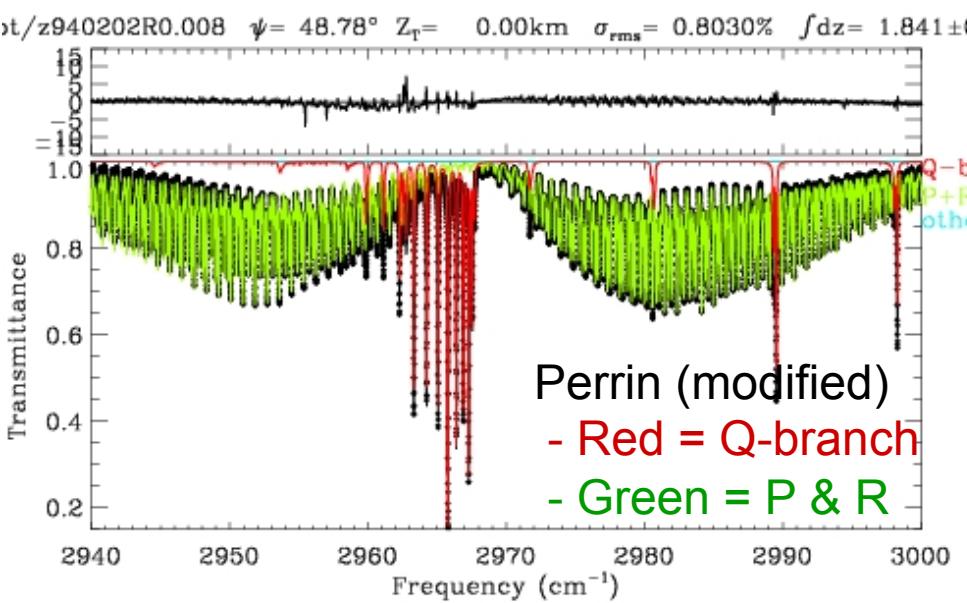
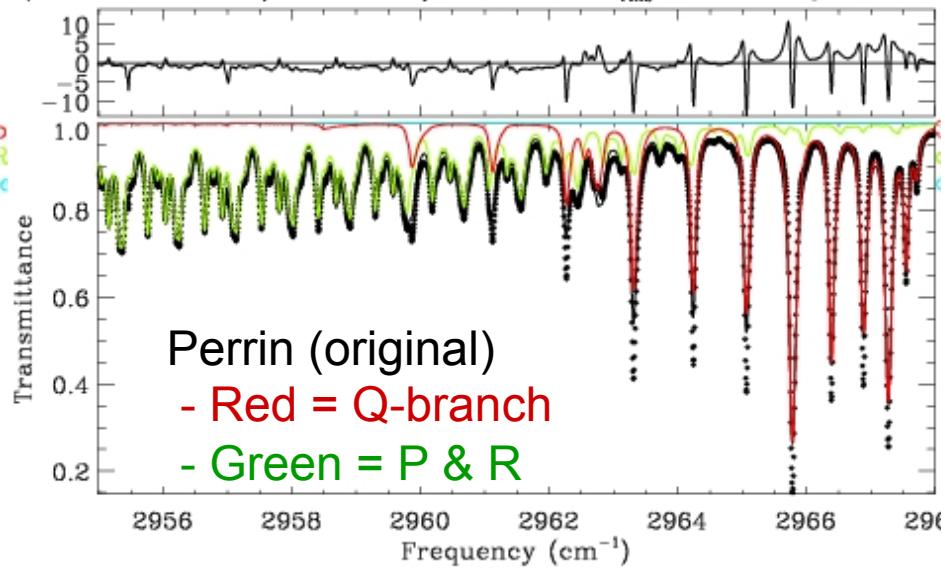
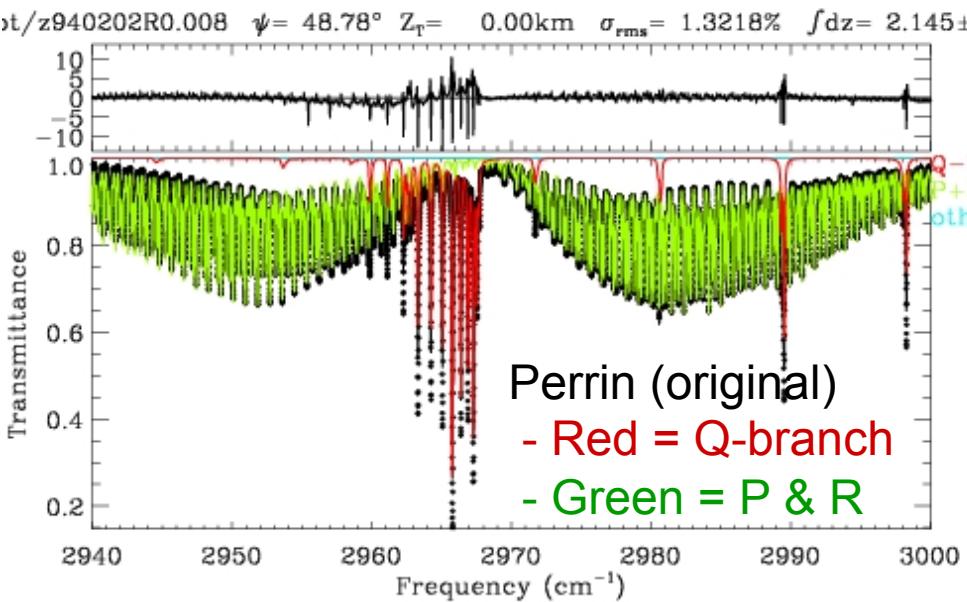
- 1) Missing Q-branches (?) at  $2955.45$  and  $2957.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- 2) Mis-shaped Q-branch at  $2962.75 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

[See yellow circles →]

After reducing Q-branch widths, residuals improved from 1.32% to 0.80%



# Fits to Kitt Peak Lab spectrum (289 Torr)

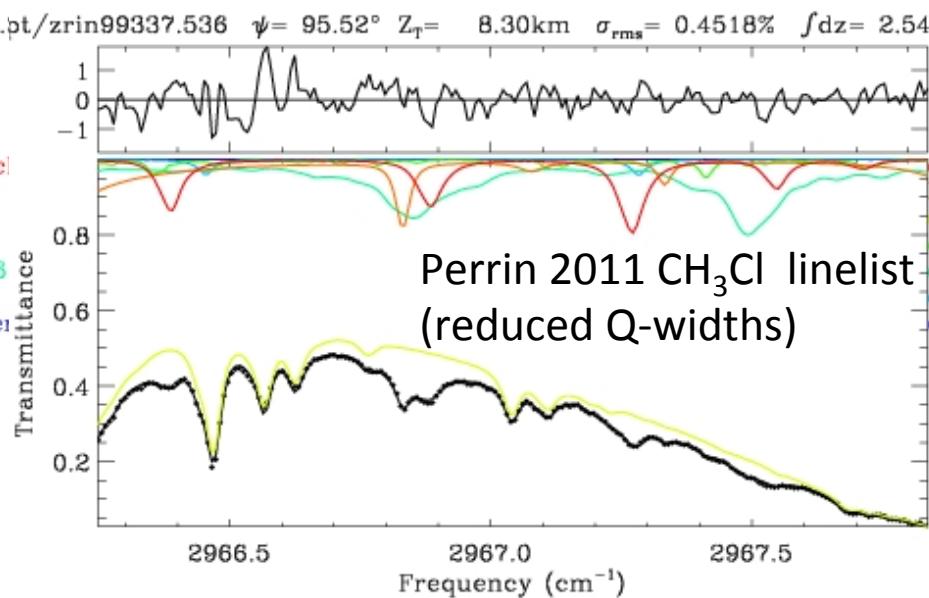
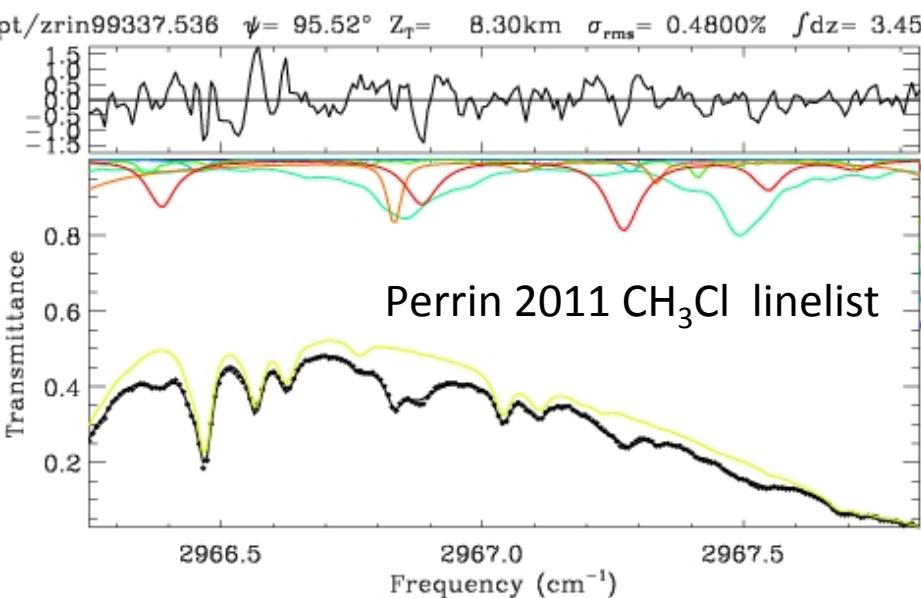
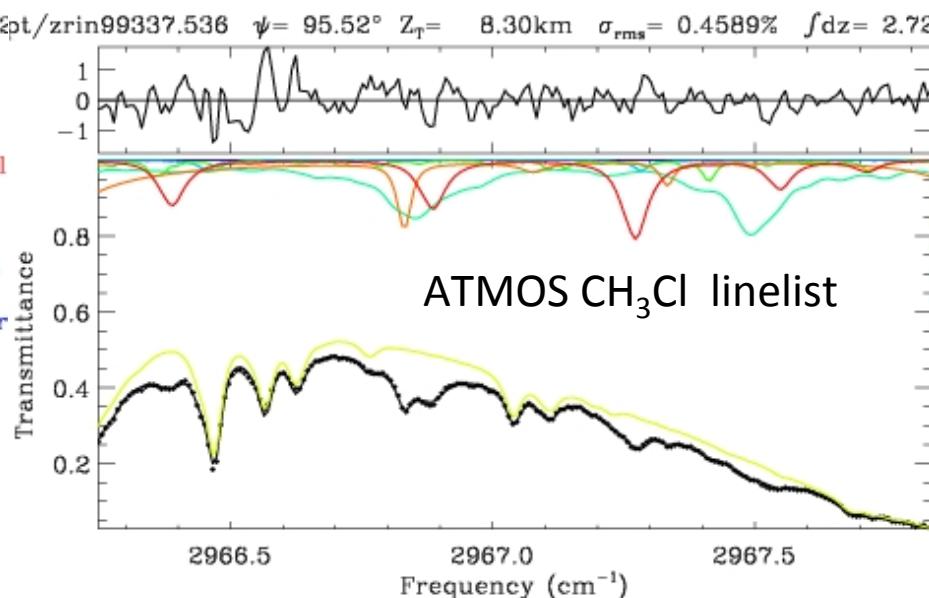
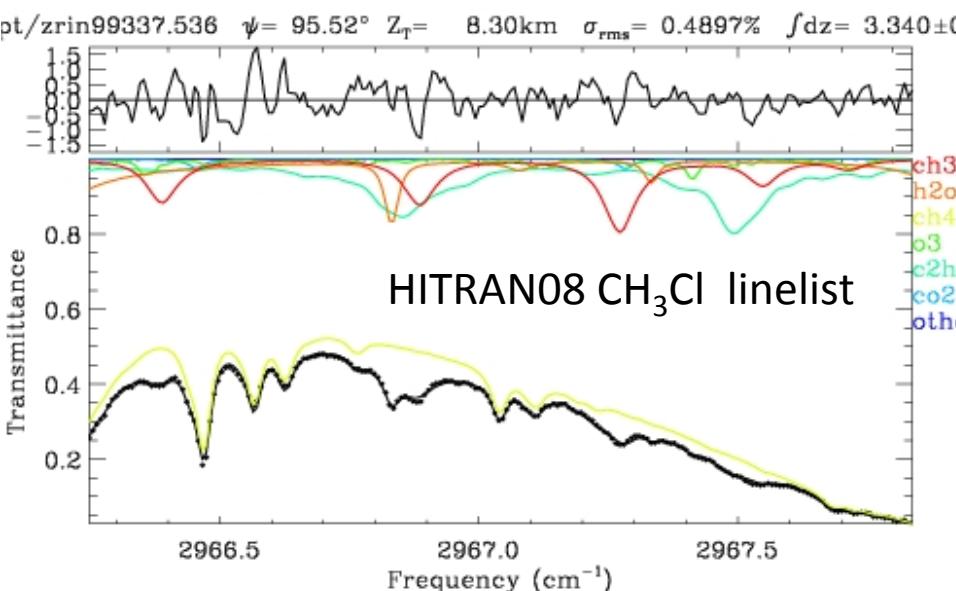


# Effect on MkIV balloon retrievals

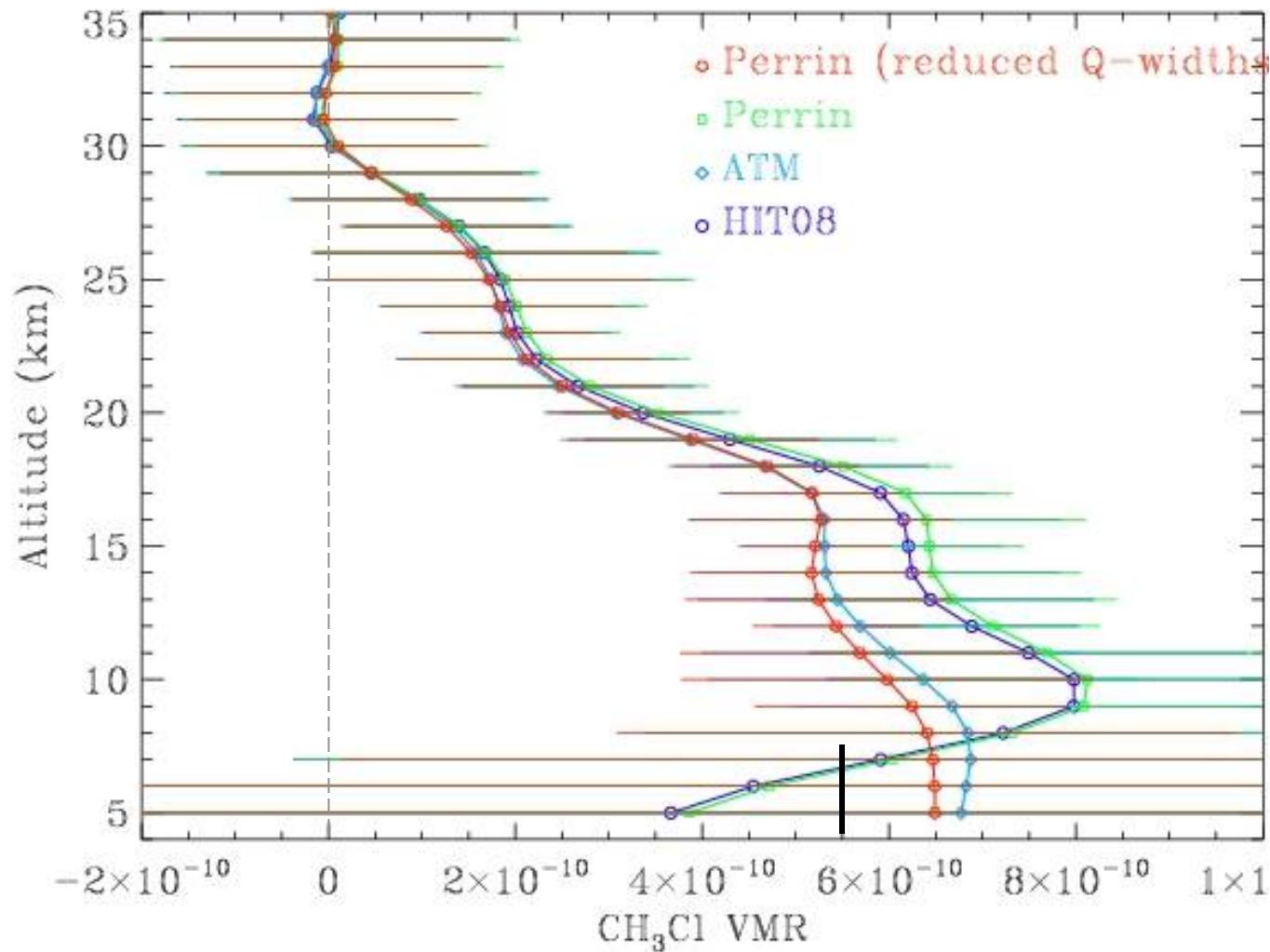
Three main advantages:

- 1) Better fits in the  $2967.05 \pm 0.8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  window leading to a more accurate retrieved vmr profile
- 2) Enables the use of a wider  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  fitting window, which was precluded by the HITRAN  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  linelist [Some of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  Q-branches missing from HITRAN 2008 are 10% deep in solar occultation spectra at 8 km tangent altitude].
- 3) Improved retrievals of other gases whose absorption lines are overlapped by missing  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  lines.

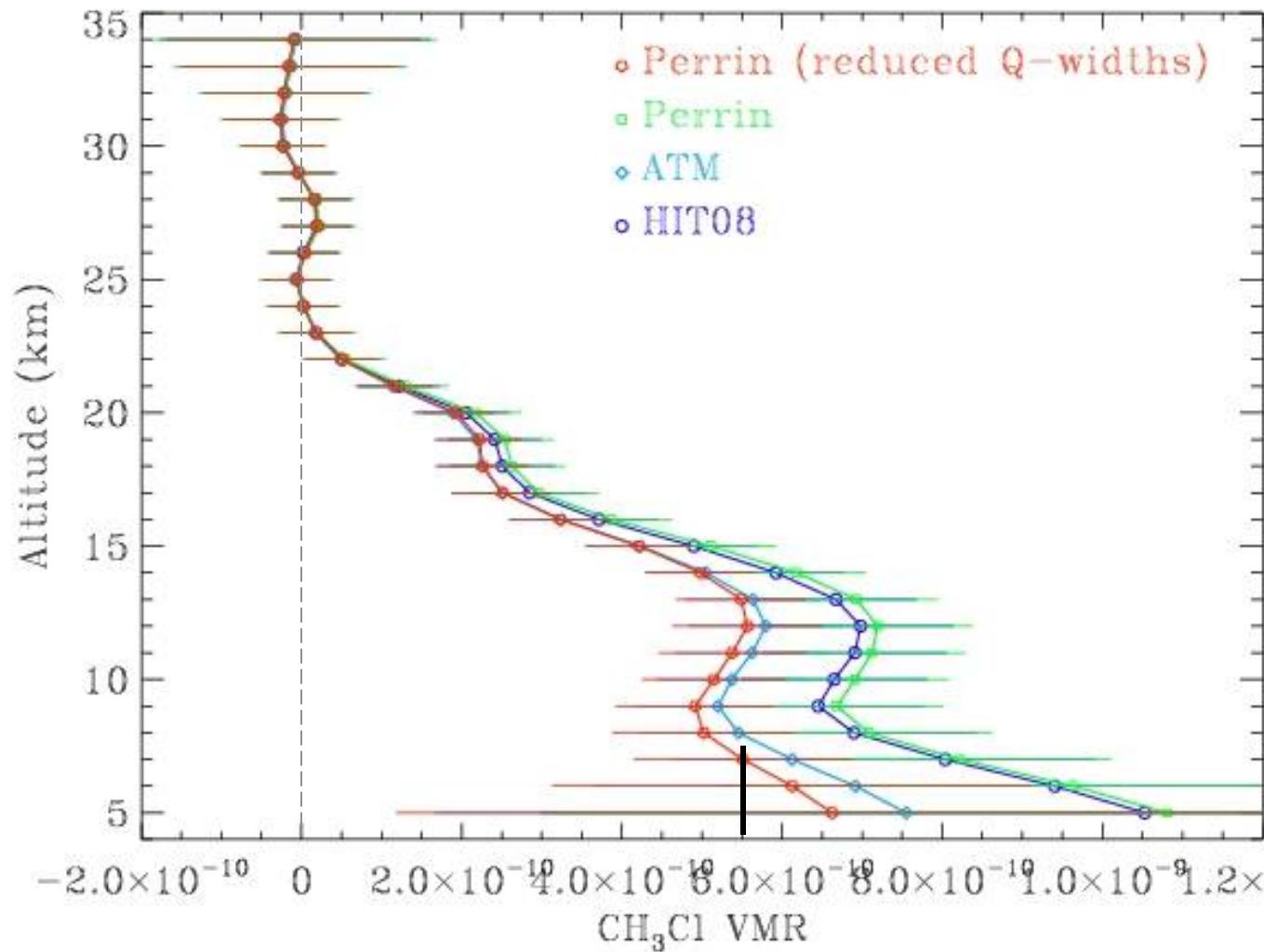
# Fits to MkIV balloon spectra ( $Z_T=8.3$ km)



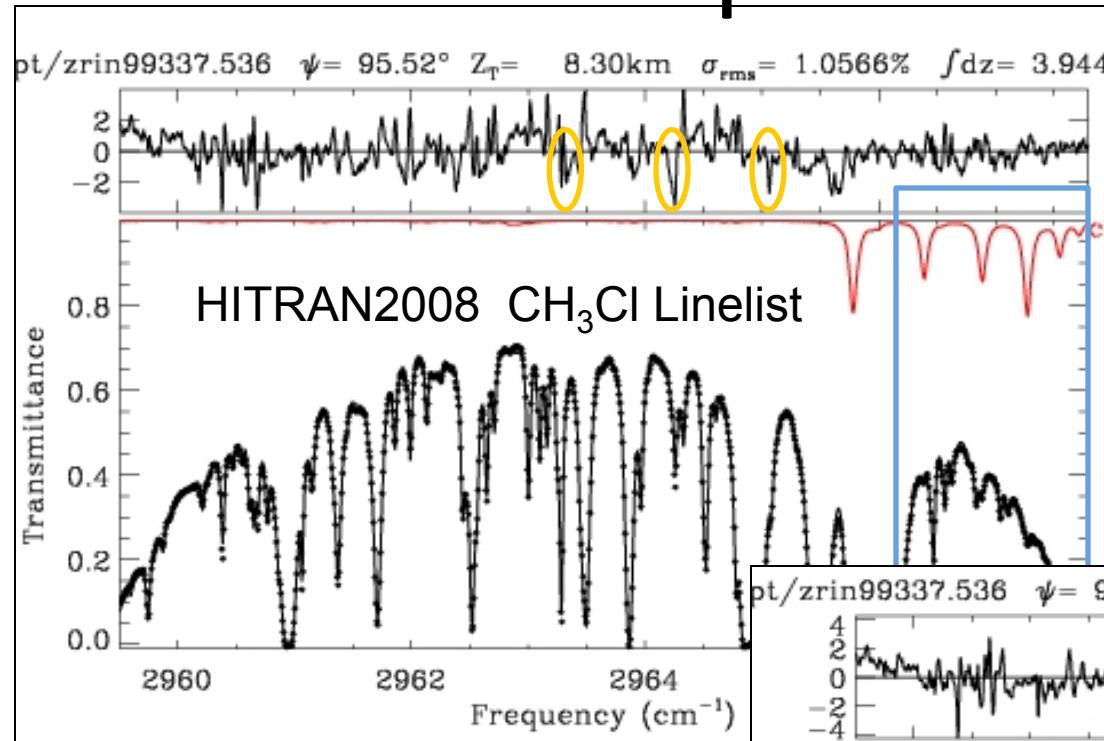
# MkIV Balloon CH<sub>3</sub>Cl profiles (1999)



# MkIV Balloon CH<sub>3</sub>Cl Profiles (2003)

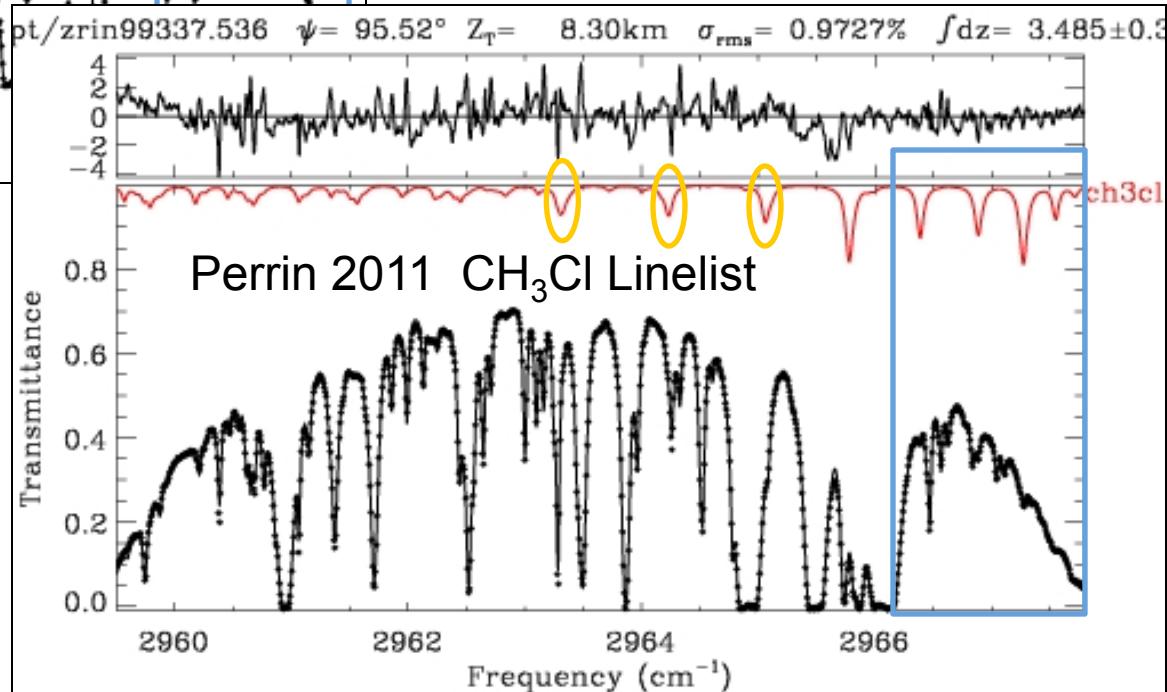


# Fits to same spectrum: wider window



CH<sub>3</sub>Cl Q-branches missing  
From HITRAN are 10% deep  
at 8 km tangent altitude.

Using Perrin 2011 CH<sub>3</sub>Cl  
linelist improves residuals



Blue rectangle shows spectral  
region fitted in previous plots.

In wider window, residuals  
dominated by poor CH<sub>4</sub>  
spectroscopy (widths).

# Summary/Conclusions (1)

HITRAN 2008  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  linelist is severely deficient:

- contains only 5/10 strongest Q-branches in the  $2960\text{-}2968 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region.
- most of the P- and R-branch structure is missing or under-represented.

Fits to Kitt Peak Lab spectra with Perrin 2011 linelist are better than with HITRAN:

- factor of 6 times better RMS residual over entire band
- 10% better RMS residual over Q-branches represented in HITRAN 2008

Widths of the Q-branch features over-estimated in a Voigt line-by-line calculation, both in lab and atmospheric spectra. Widths of P- & R-branch features are good.

Likely that my neglect of line mixing is the cause of this over-broadening. Awaiting line-mixing parameterization from David Jacquemart.

In the absence of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  line-mixing code, reducing the Q-branch line widths by 37% improves fits to lab and atmospheric spectra.

[To be clear, there is no problem with Perrin's widths. Reducing them is just a convenient way of representing the main effects of line-mixing]

# Summary/Conclusions (2)

In fits to Lab spectra, performed with the 37% Q-branch width reduction:

- Perrin's  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  intensities are consistent to better than 3%
- Perrin's P-, Q- and R-branch intensities are consistent to better than 2%

In fits to MkIV atmospheric spectra:

- Retrieved  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  profiles are more realistic (closer to 550 ppt in the lower trop)
- Retrieval Uncertainties are smaller

Future Work

- Implement Line Mixing into  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  LBL calculations (instead of reducing Q-widths)
- Explore the use of wider windows for the retrieval of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  (incl. P- & R-branch)
- Quantify effect of new  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  linelist on other gas retrievals in  $2900\text{-}3100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region.

***This linelist should be incorporated into HITRAN at the earliest opportunity***

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## N<sub>2</sub>-broadening coefficients of methyl chloride at room temperature

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**ABSTRACT**

Methyl chloride is of interest for atmospheric applications, since this molecule is directly involved in the catalytic destruction of ozone in the lower stratosphere. In a previous work [Bray et al. JQSRT 2011;112:2446], lines positions and intensities of self-perturbed  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$  have been studied into details for the 3.4  $\mu\text{m}$  spectral region. The present work is focused on measurement and calculation of N<sub>2</sub>-broadening coefficients of the  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$  isotopologues. High-resolution Fourier Transform spectra of CH<sub>3</sub>Cl-N<sub>2</sub> mixtures at room-temperature have been recorded between 2800 and 3200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at LADIR (using a classical source) and between 47 and 59  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at SOLEIL (using the synchrotron source on the AILES beamline). 612 mid-infrared transitions of the  $v_1$  band and 86 far-infrared transitions of the pure rotational band have been analyzed using a multispectrum fitting procedure. Average accuracy on the deduced N<sub>2</sub>-broadening coefficients has been estimated to 5% and 10% in the mid- and far-infrared spectral regions, respectively. The  $J$ - and  $K$ -rotational dependences of these coefficients have been observed in the mid-infrared region and then a simulation has been performed using an empirical model for  $0 \leq J \leq 50$ ,  $K \leq 9$ . The  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{Cl}-\text{N}_2$  line widths for  $0 \leq J \leq 50$  and  $K \leq 10$  of the  $v_1$  band and for  $55 \leq J \leq 67$  and  $K \leq 15$  of the pure rotational band have been computed using a semi-classical approach involving exact trajectories and a real symmetric-top geometry of the active molecule. Finally, a global comparison with the experimental and theoretical data existing in the literature has



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## The $v_1$ , $v_4$ and $3v_6$ bands of methyl chloride in the 3.4- $\mu\text{m}$ region: Line positions and intensities

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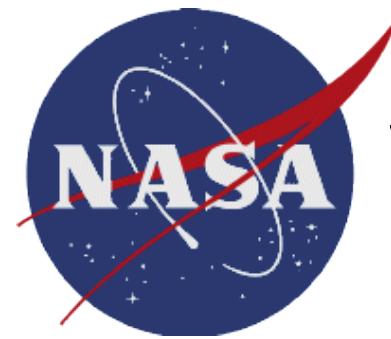
Line intensities

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### ABSTRACT

Methyl chloride ( $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ ) is one of the most abundant chlorine-containing molecules in the atmosphere. For this reason a recent update was performed in HITRAN in the 640–2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region based on the line parameters generated in Nikitin et al. [Nikitin A, Champion JP, Bürger H. *J Mol Spectrosc* 2005;230:174–84] with the intensities scaled to existing experimental data.  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  has a rather strong signature around 3000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which was used recently by the Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment (ACE) satellite mission to produce the first study of the global distribution of methyl chloride in the upper troposphere and stratosphere. However, it was mentioned that the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  line positions and intensities spectroscopic parameters are of very low quality in this spectral region in the public access HITRAN or GEISA databases. We present a complete update of the line positions and line intensities for the  $v_1$ ,  $v_4$ ,  $3v_6$  bands of  $\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$  in the 3.4  $\mu\text{m}$  region. For this task, Fourier transform spectra have been recorded at high resolution at the Laboratoire de Dynamique, Interactions et Réactivité in France. Measurements of line positions and line intensities have been retrieved for both isotopologues  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{35}\text{Cl}$  and  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{37}\text{Cl}$  in the  $v_1$ ,  $v_4$ ,  $3v_6$  bands. The theoretical model accounts for the interactions coupling the ( $v_1=1$ ;  $\ell=0$ ), ( $v_4=1$ ;  $\ell=\pm 1$ ) and ( $v_6=3$ ;  $\ell=\pm 1$ ) energy levels, together with additional resonances involving several





# Validating A Priori VMR profiles

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The GGG retrieval code uses an empirical model to generate a priori trace gas profiles. Includes effects due to:

- Age of air
- Secular trends
- Inter-hemispheric differences
- Seasonal cycle

Model has been tweaked to optimize agreement with in-situ profiles from:

- TCCON aircraft over-flights ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , CO,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ )
- Air-Core ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ )
- IMECC ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ , CO)
- OMS Balloon

Main motivation is to support ground-based measurements (e.g., TCCON)

# Recent Model Improvements

Model was improved in 2011 to better represent inter-hemispheric differences of CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Especially important for SH sites measuring CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Previous profiles were optimized for Northern Hemisphere.

Model inputs: Time, Latitude, Tropopause Altitude

Model Outputs: A VMR profile for each different gases.

In the following slides results from the 2009 and 2011 model predictions are compared with in situ profiles:

- Blue Points: In Situ data
- Green Points: 2009 A priori profiles
- Red Points: Dec 2011 A priori profiles

*Bias tables computed by the program: compare\_with\_insu\_profiles.f*

*Plots made with the script: tccon\_insu\_gas\_profiles.log*

# N<sub>2</sub>O Comparison Table

#	Site/Date/Gas	2010 Priors	2011 Priors
1	start08_parkfalls_20080512_N2O.atm	0.9927 +- 0.0082	0.9991 +- 0.0082
2	hippo_lauder_20090121_N2O.atm	0.9988 +- 0.0114	1.0034 +- 0.0098
3	hippo_lamont_20090130_N2O.atm	0.9979 +- 0.0092	1.0035 +- 0.0067
4	learjet_lamont_20090731_N2O.atm	0.9928 +- 0.0008	1.0003 +- 0.0008
5	learjet_lamont_20090802_N2O.atm	0.9920 +- 0.0013	0.9996 +- 0.0013
6	learjet_lamont_20090803_N2O.atm	0.9915 +- 0.0012	0.9991 +- 0.0012
7	hippo_wgong_descent_20091115_N2O.atm	0.9913 +- 0.0023	0.9988 +- 0.0023
8	hippo_wgong_ascent_20091115_N2O.atm	0.9897 +- 0.0015	0.9971 +- 0.0015
<b>Overall</b>		<b>0.9924 +- 0.0035</b>	<b>0.9998 +- 0.0029</b>

First value is the ratio: Prior/Measurement averaged over the profile

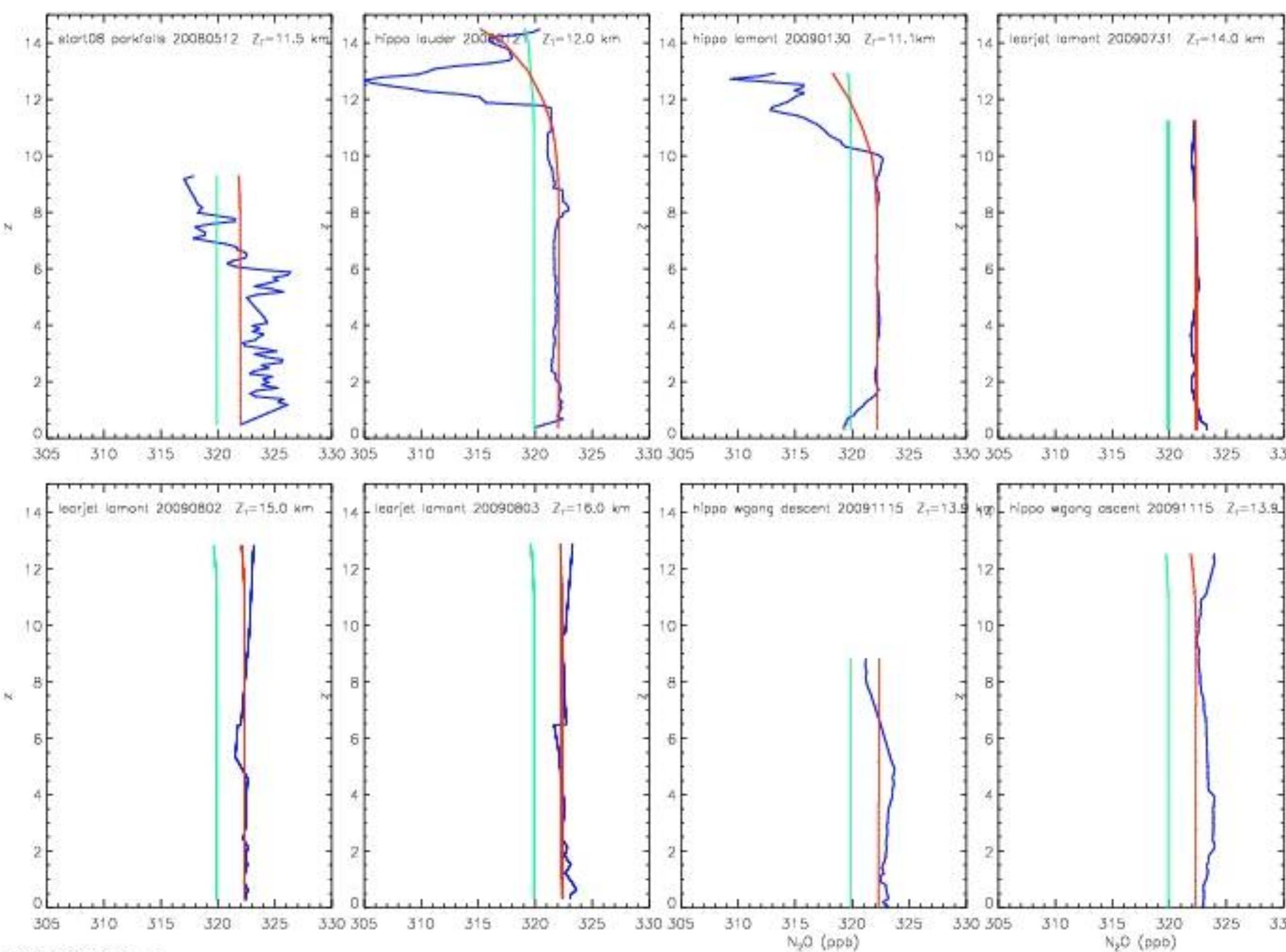
Second value is the standard deviation (SD) of the bias over the profile(s)

A small SD implies that the \*shape\* of the model profile is good.

The 2011 Priors are better:

- smaller bias
- smaller SD

In subsequent tables you will see that this is true for all gases.

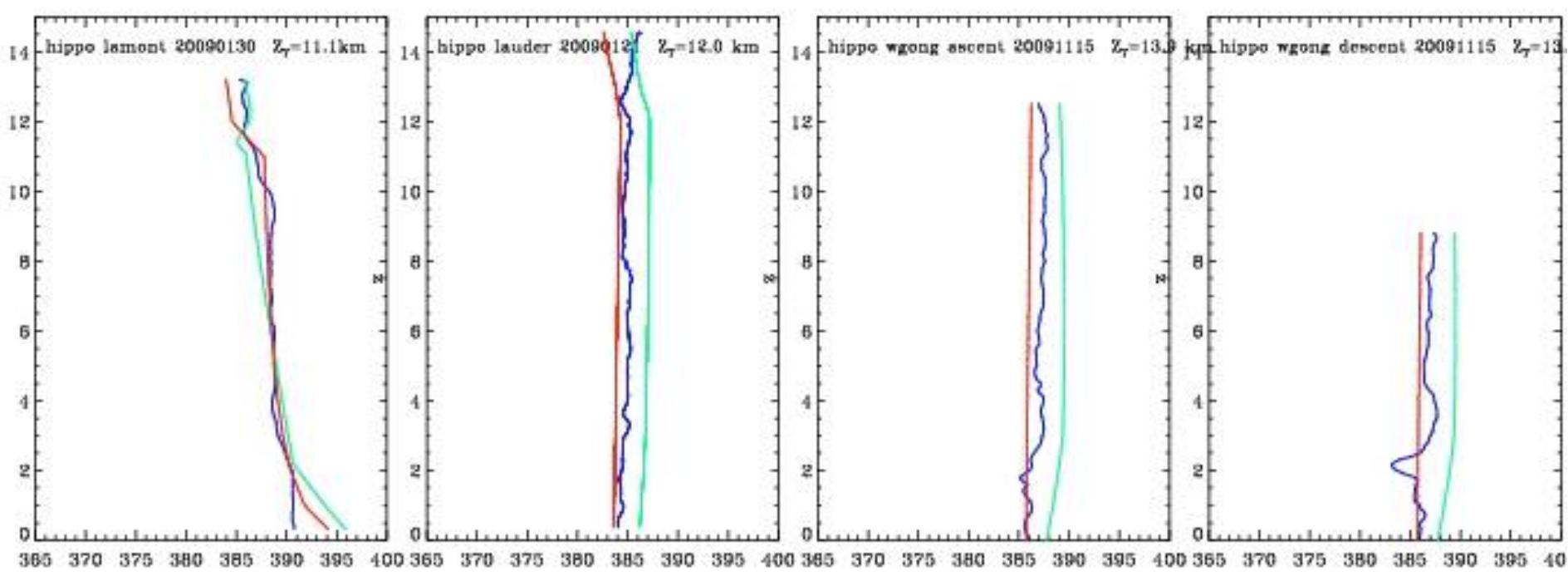
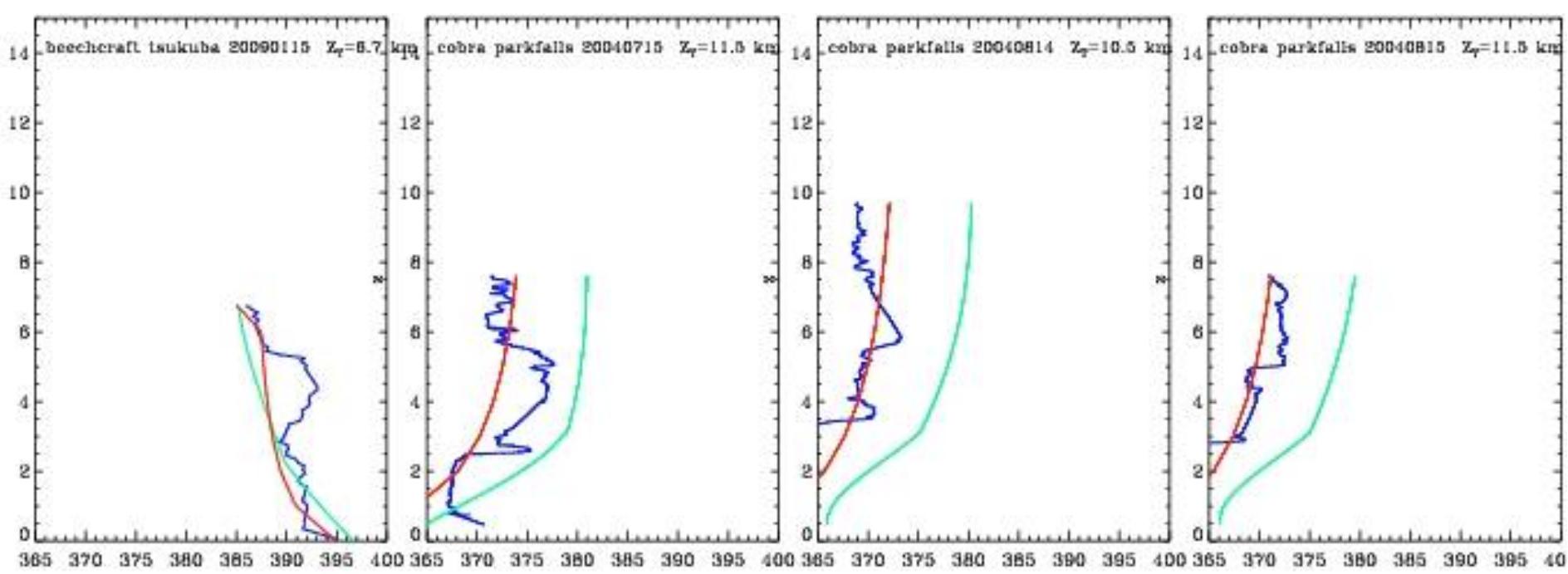


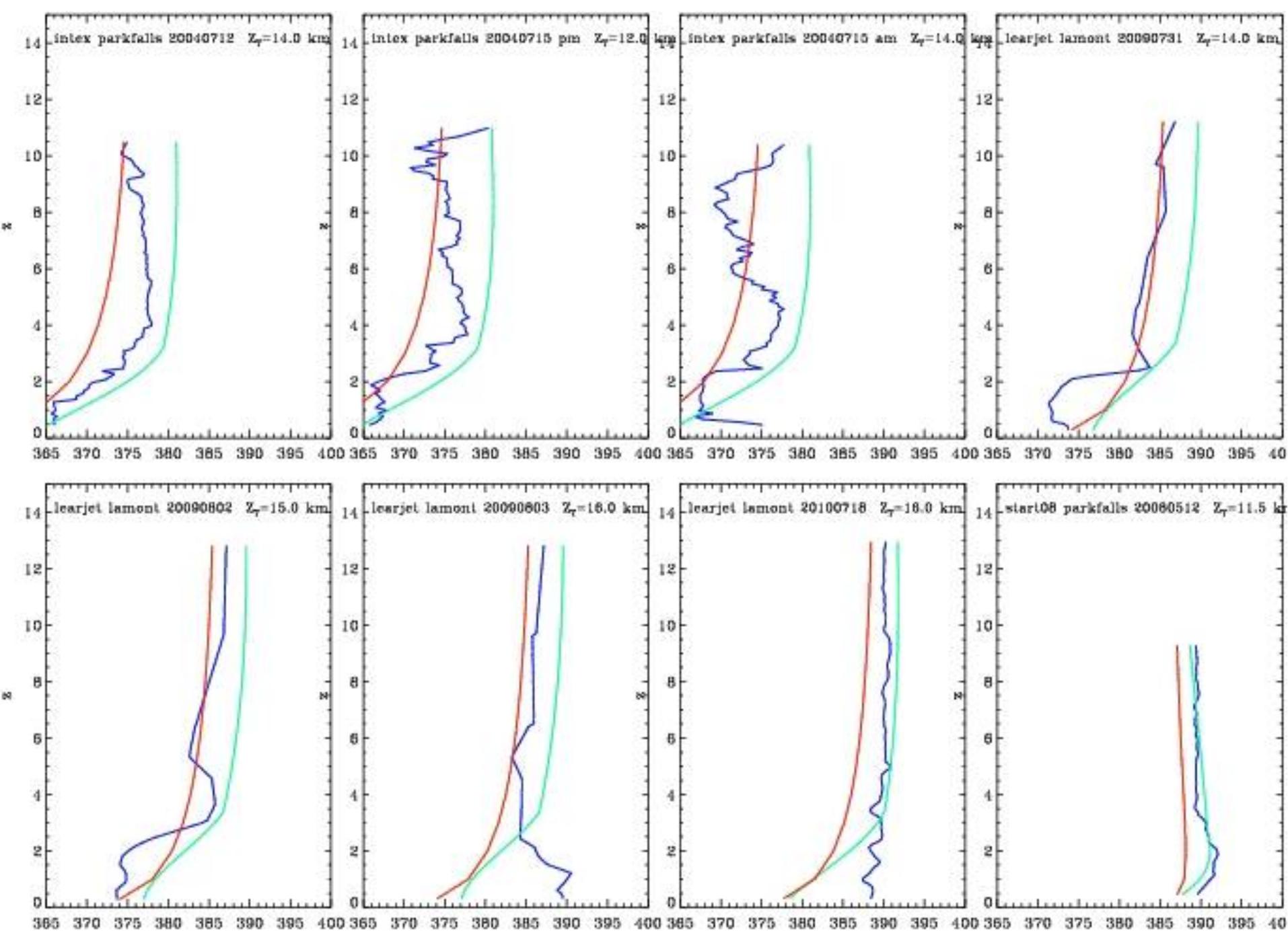
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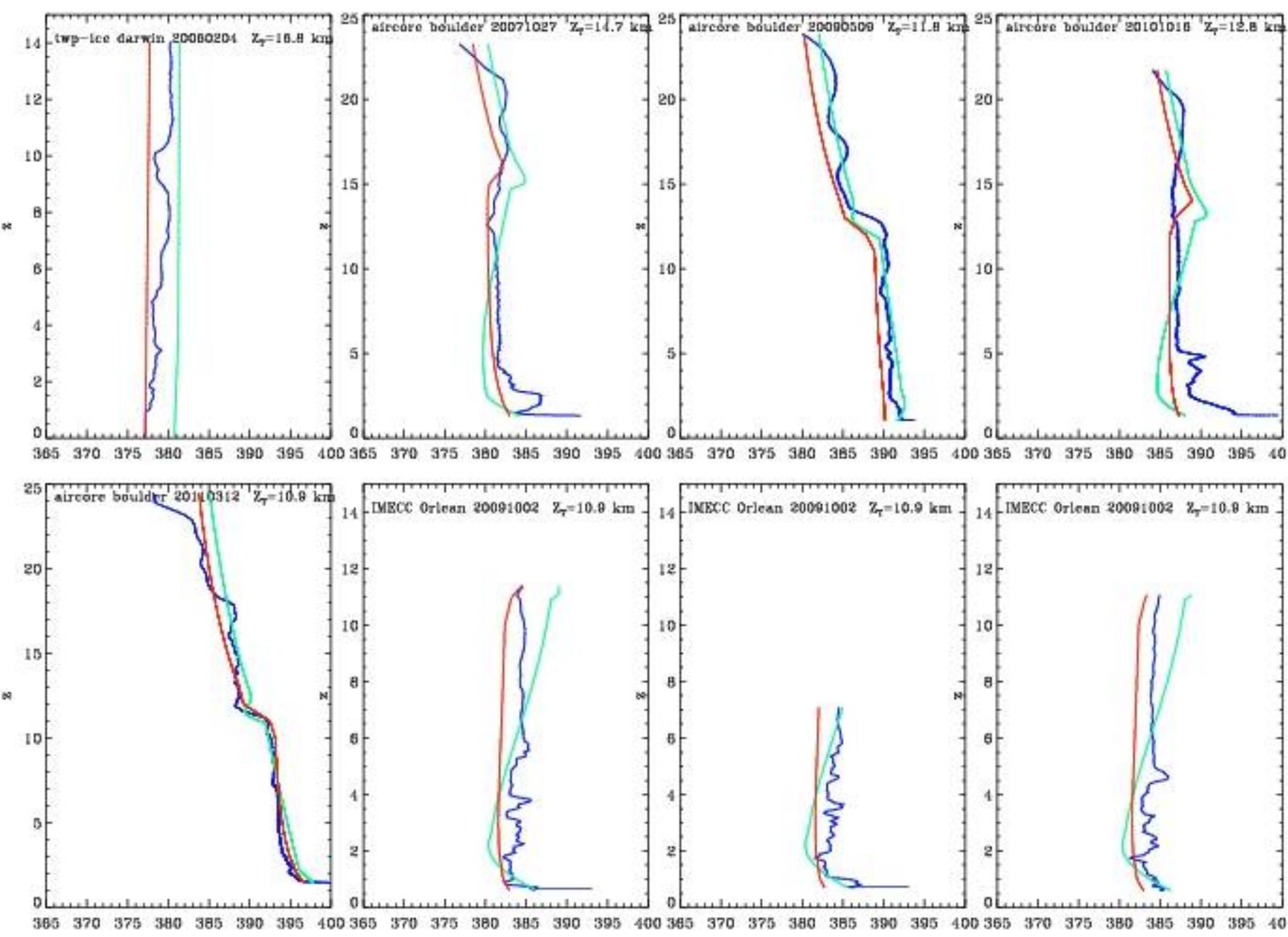
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3	cobra_parkfalls_20040814_CO2.atm	1.0235	+- 0.0059	1.0093	+- 0.0059	
4	cobra_parkfalls_20040815_CO2.atm	1.0243	+- 0.0092	1.0108	+- 0.0126	
5	hippo_lamont_20090130_CO2.atm	1.0002	+- 0.0038	1.0030	+- 0.0022	
6	hippo_lauder_20090121_CO2.atm	1.0050	+- 0.0017	1.0006	+- 0.0014	
7	hippo_wgong_ascent_20091115_CO2.atm	1.0057	+- 0.0012	1.0000	+- 0.0014	
8	hippo_wgong_descent_20091115_CO2.atm	1.0069	+- 0.0021	1.0011	+- 0.0023	
9	intex_parkfalls_20040712_CO2.atm	1.0098	+- 0.0035	0.9957	+- 0.0047	
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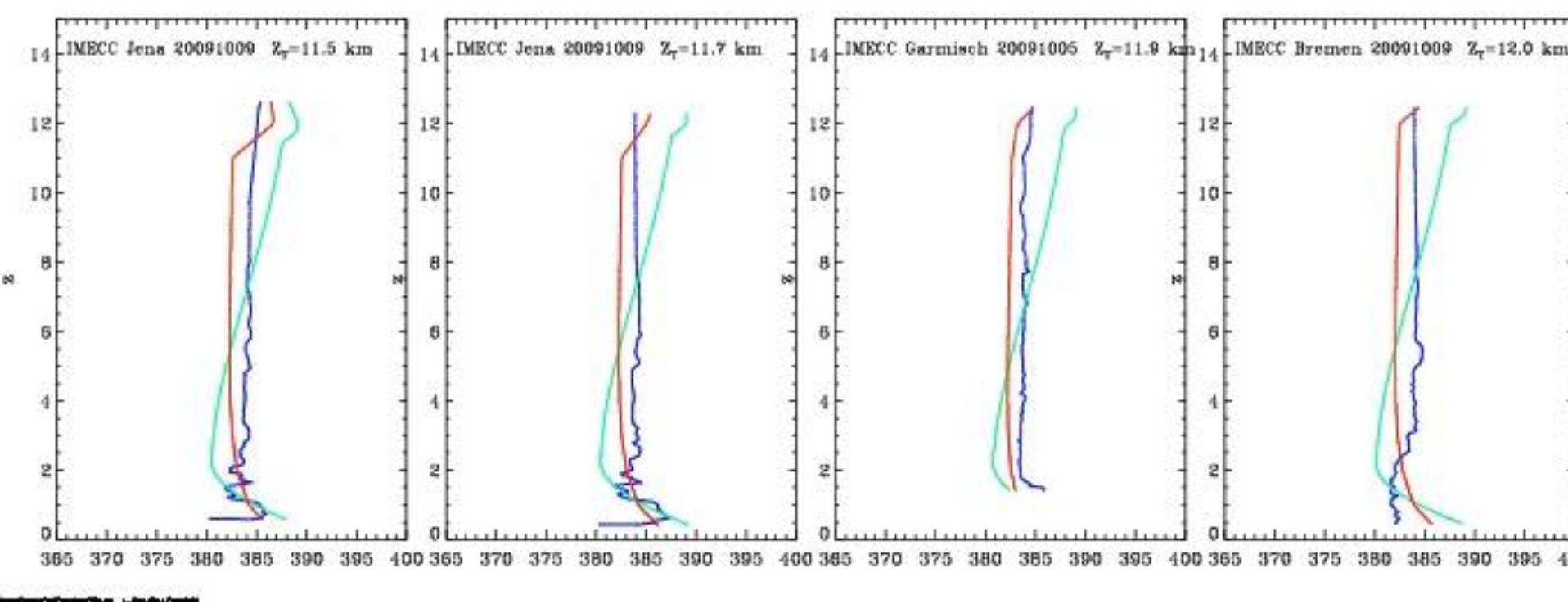
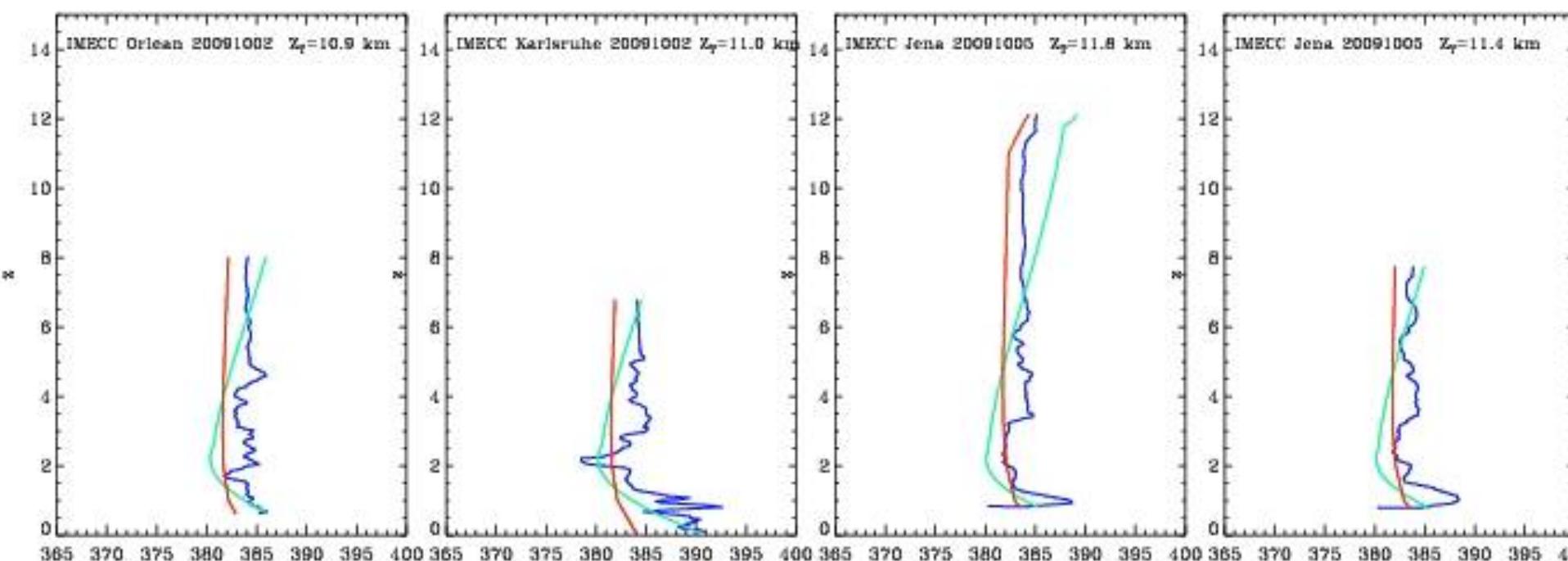
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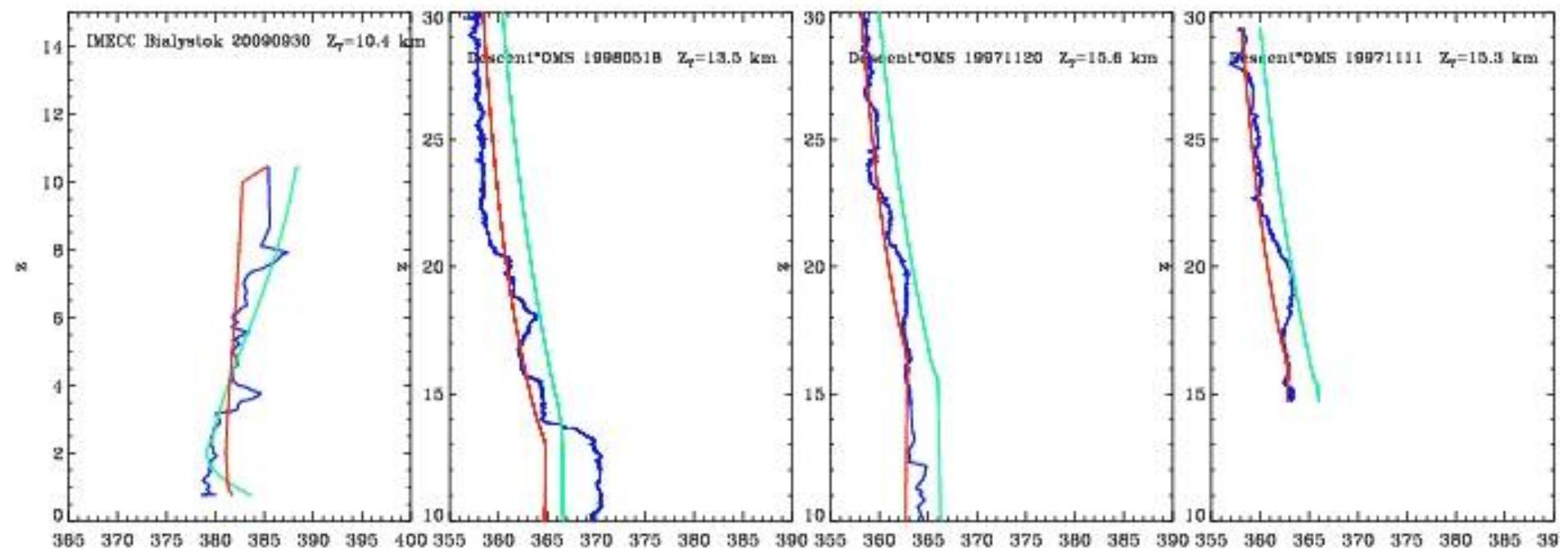
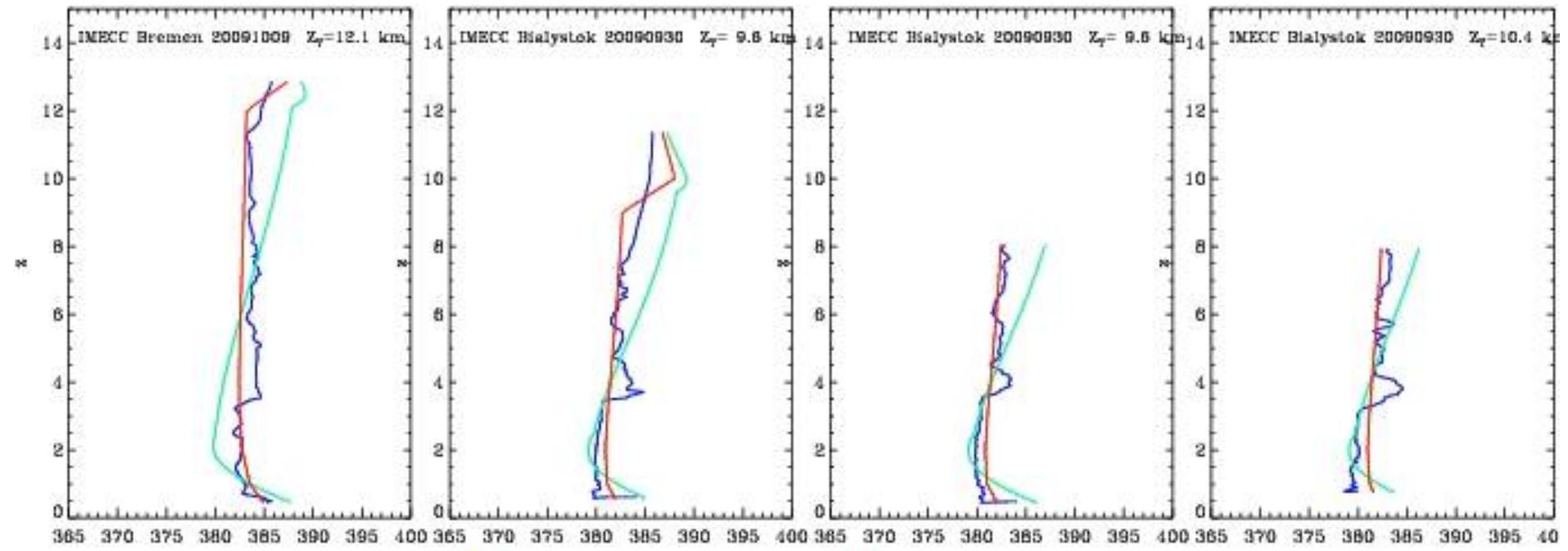
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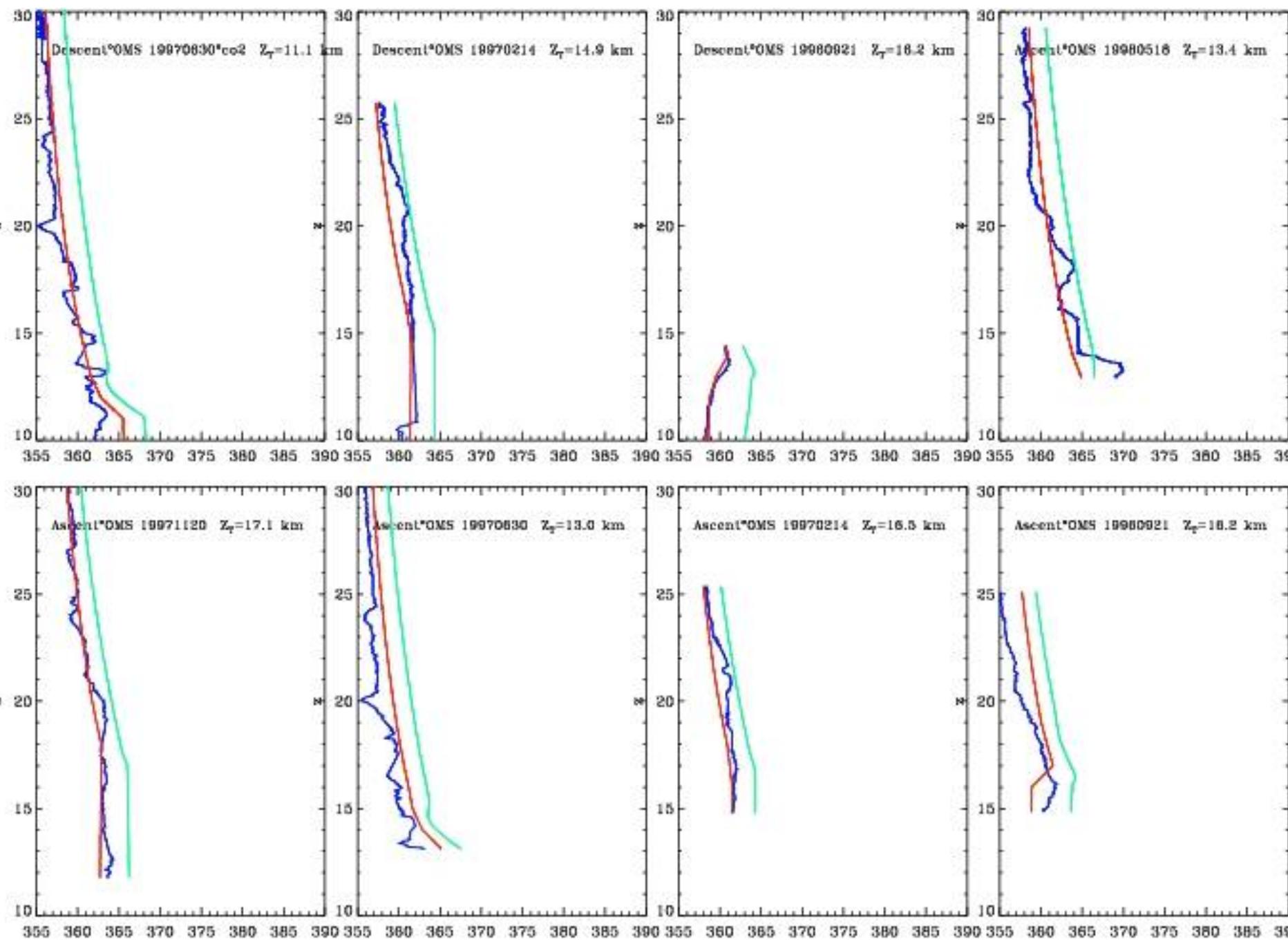






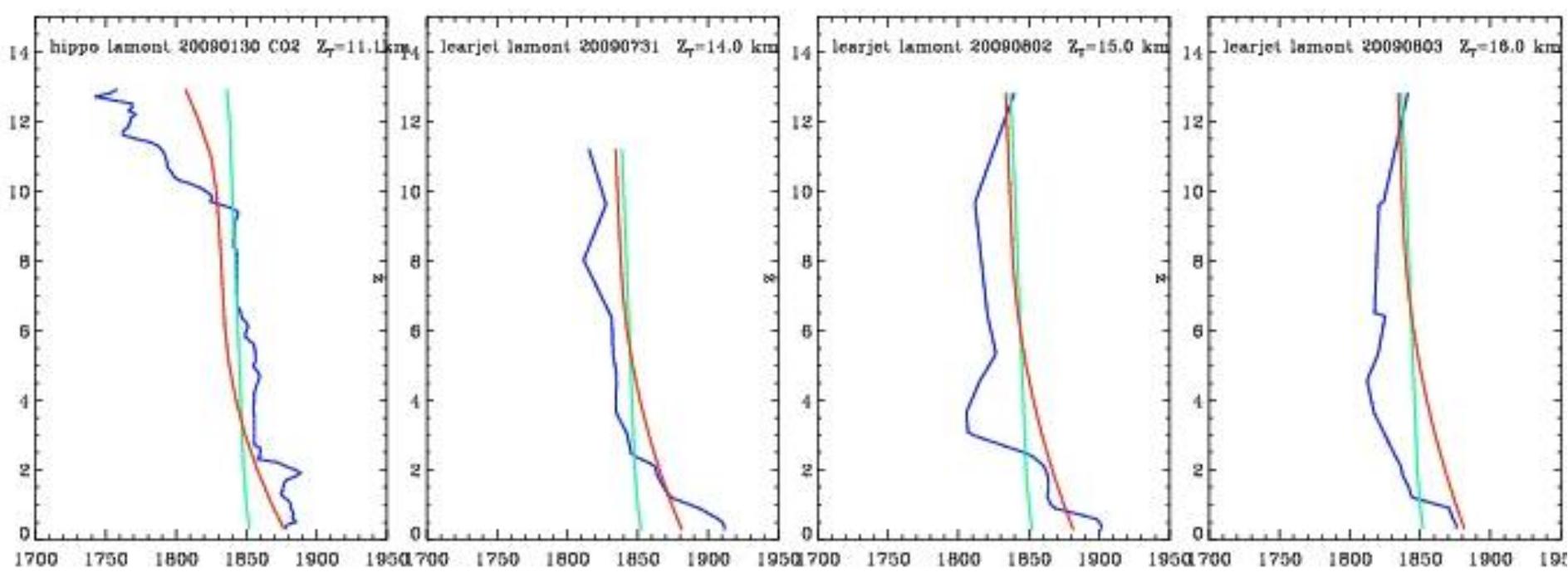
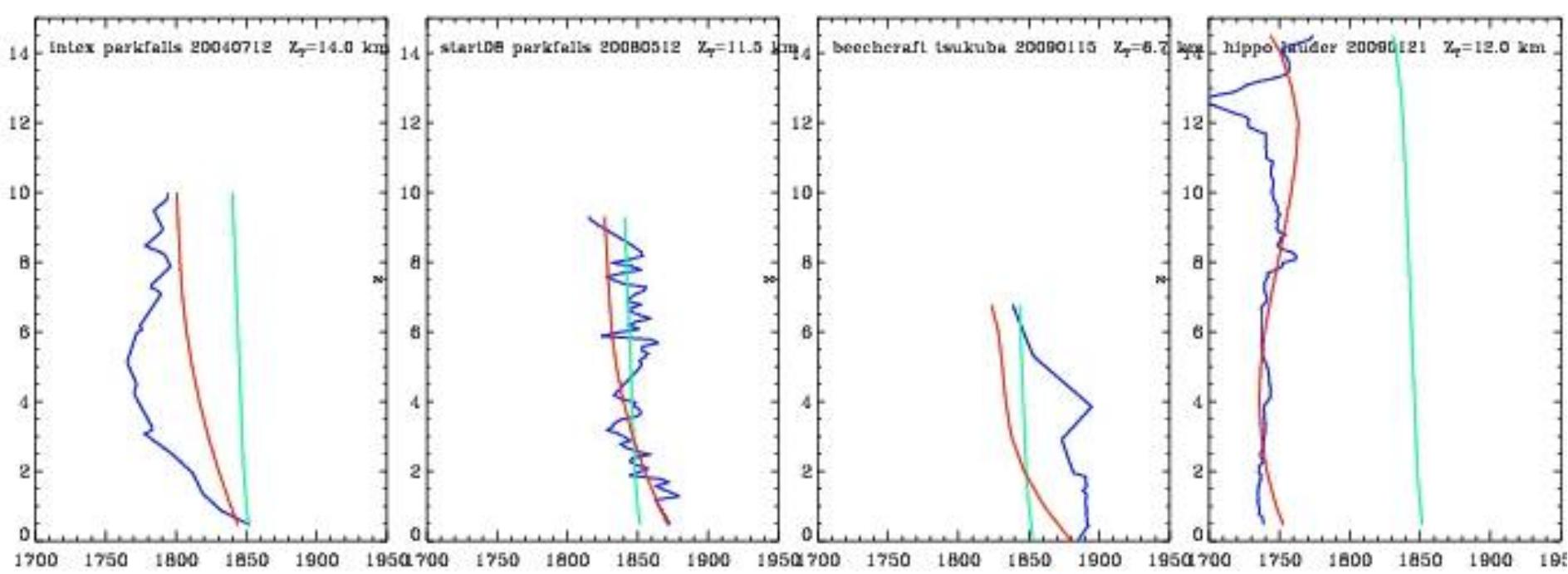


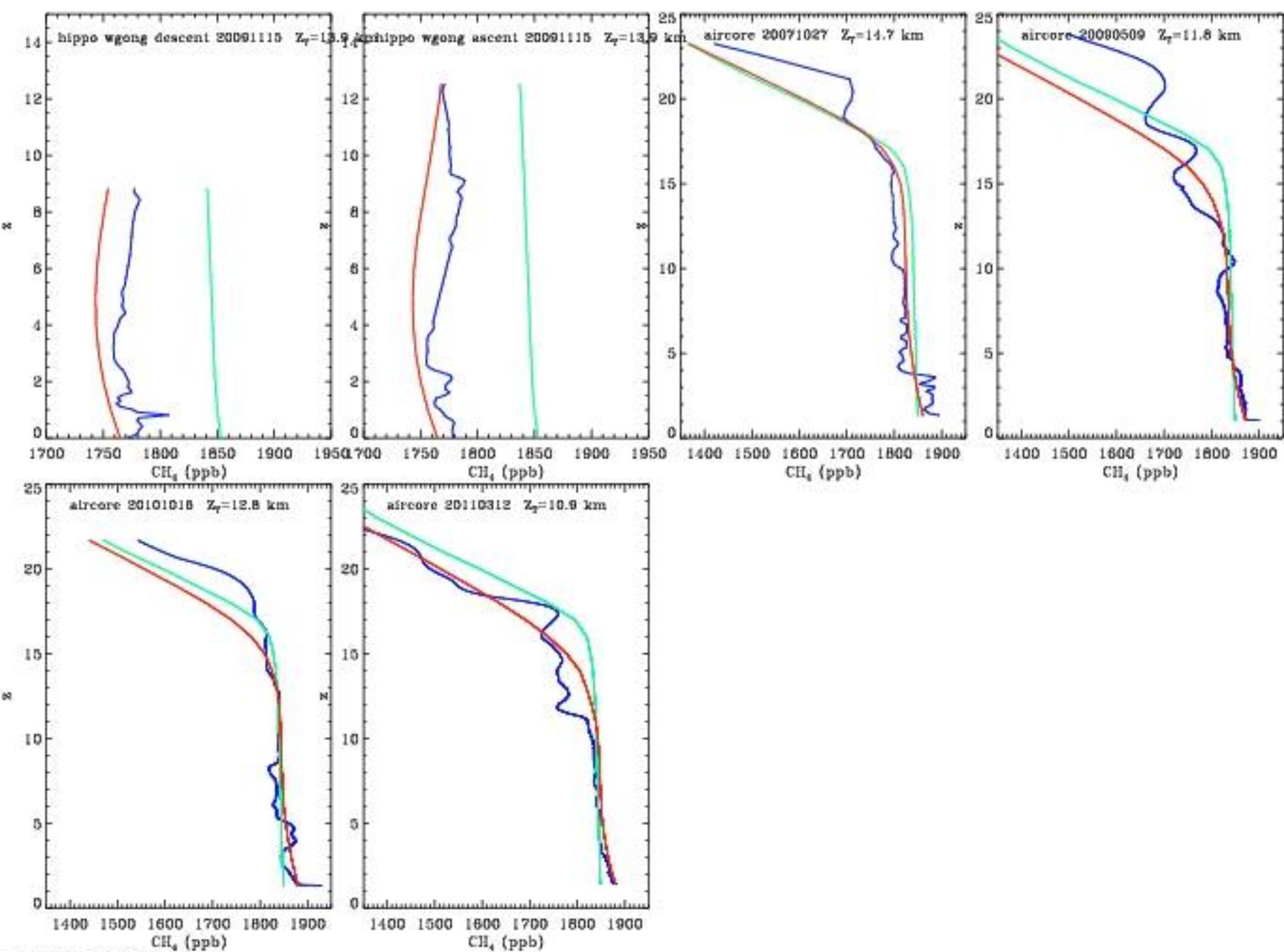


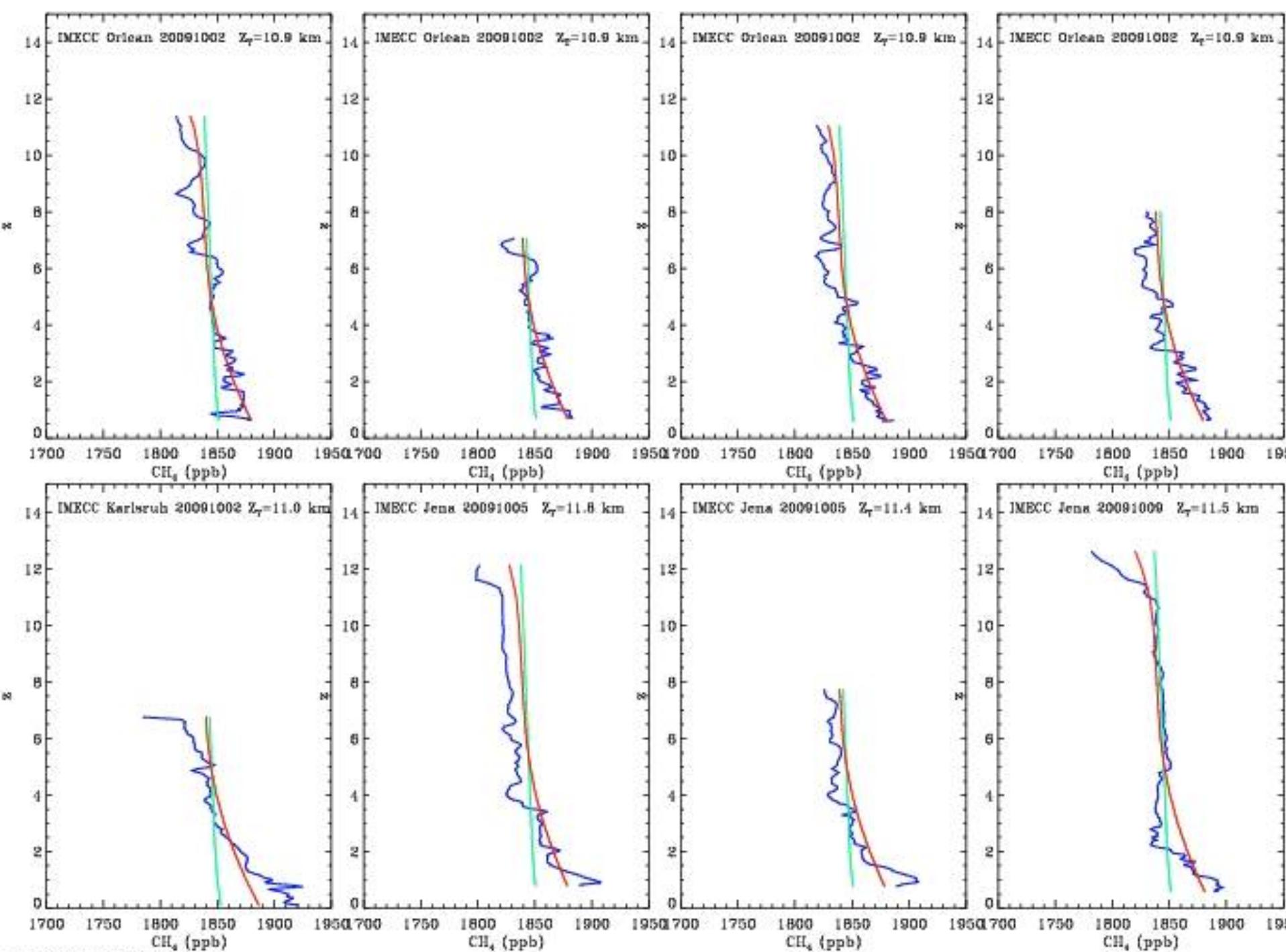


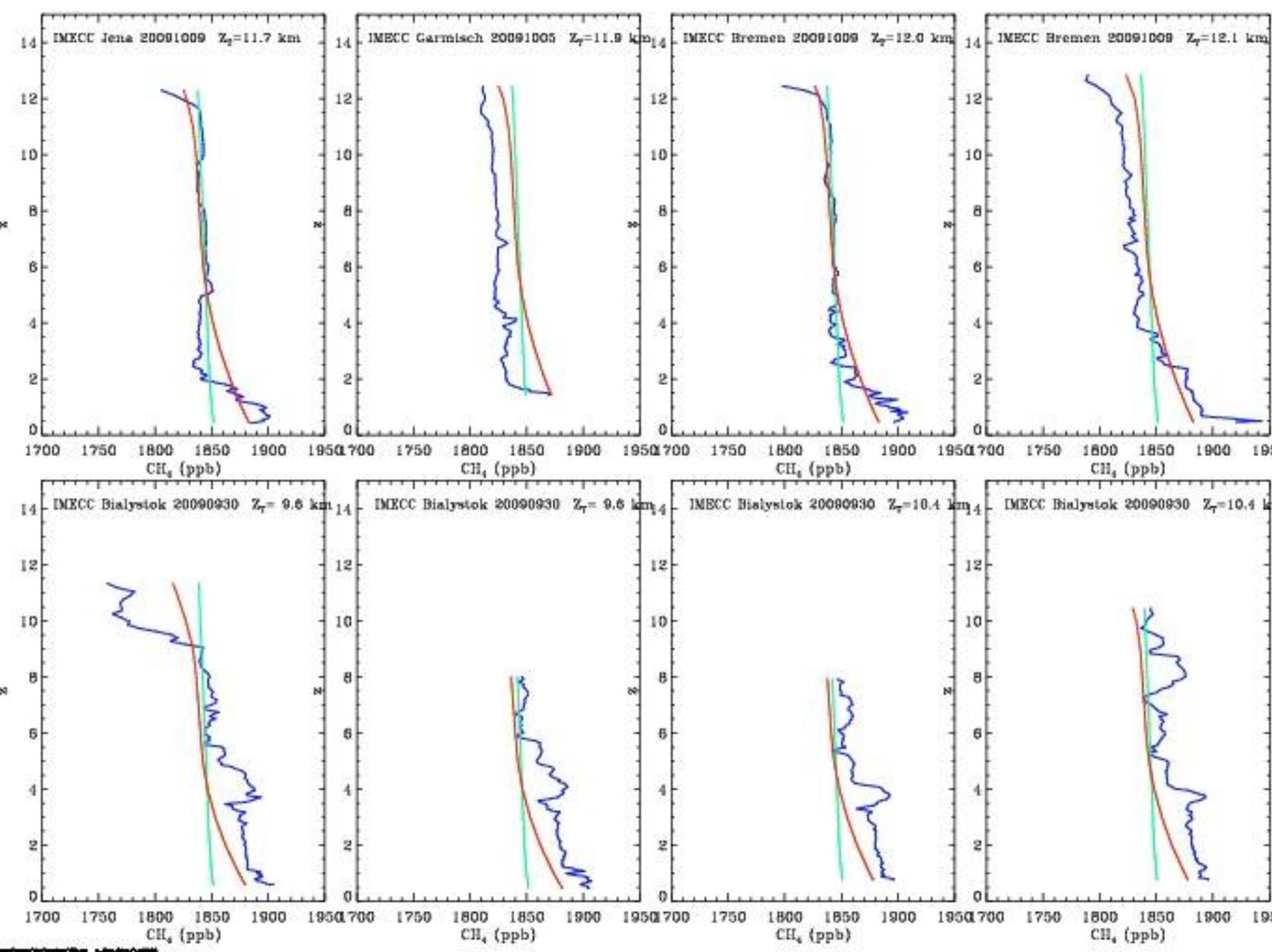
# CH<sub>4</sub> Comparison Table

1	intex_parkfalls_20040712_CH4.atm	1.0310	+-	0.0102	1.0141	+-	0.0078
2	start08_parkfalls_20080512_CH4.atm	0.9987	+-	0.0063	0.9960	+-	0.0062
3	beechcraft_tsukuba_20090115_CH4.atm	0.9856	+-	0.0083	0.9828	+-	0.0068
4	hippo_lauder_20090121_CH4.atm	1.0584	+-	0.0078	1.0045	+-	0.0089
5	hippo_lamont_20090130_CH4.atm	1.0037	+-	0.0179	1.0004	+-	0.0131
6	learjet_lamont_20090731_CH4.atm	1.0037	+-	0.0111	1.0060	+-	0.0063
7	learjet_lamont_20090802_CH4.atm	1.0082	+-	0.0109	1.0105	+-	0.0085
8	learjet_lamont_20090803_CH4.atm	1.0083	+-	0.0073	1.0111	+-	0.0072
9	hippo_wgong_descent_20091115_CH4.atm	1.0423	+-	0.0050	0.9876	+-	0.0036
10	hippo_wgong_ascent_20091115_CH4.atm	1.0405	+-	0.0060	0.9891	+-	0.0051
11	aircore_20071027_ch4.dat.head	1.0033	+-	0.0214	0.9991	+-	0.0175
12	aircore_20090509_ch4.dat.head	1.0015	+-	0.0254	0.9957	+-	0.0286
13	aircore_20101016_ch4.dat.head	0.9966	+-	0.0129	0.9991	+-	0.0183
14	aircore_20110312_ch4.dat.head	1.0087	+-	0.0213	1.0065	+-	0.0119
15	Orleans20091002.23764secUT_ch4.dat	0.9984	+-	0.0072	1.0013	+-	0.0043
16	Orleans20091002.25299secUT_ch4.dat	0.9963	+-	0.0064	1.0011	+-	0.0037
17	Orleans20091002.38115secUT_ch4.dat	1.0001	+-	0.0083	1.0032	+-	0.0037
18	Orleans20091002.39447secUT_ch4.dat	0.9977	+-	0.0092	1.0020	+-	0.0045
19	Karlsruhe20091002.34251secUT_ch4.dat	0.9932	+-	0.0140	0.9994	+-	0.0083
20	Jena20091005.28541secUT_ch4.dat	1.0017	+-	0.0105	1.0048	+-	0.0057
21	Jena20091005.29303secUT_ch4.dat	0.9980	+-	0.0104	1.0027	+-	0.0062
22	Jena20091009.36713secUT_ch4.dat	0.9991	+-	0.0090	1.0022	+-	0.0064
23	Jena20091009.38125secUT_ch4.dat	0.9977	+-	0.0088	1.0014	+-	0.0064
24	Garmisch20091005.31598secUT_ch4.dat	1.0092	+-	0.0041	1.0111	+-	0.0038
25	Bremen20091009.39920secUT_ch4.dat	0.9961	+-	0.0090	1.0000	+-	0.0051
26	Bremen20091005.42336secUT_ch4.dat	0.9995	+-	0.0131	1.0033	+-	0.0075
27	Bialystok20090930.34740secUT_ch4.dat	0.9927	+-	0.0166	0.9944	+-	0.0121
28	Bialystok20090930.36217secUT_ch4.dat	0.9861	+-	0.0081	0.9899	+-	0.0044
29	Bialystok20090930.49693secUT_ch4.dat	0.9868	+-	0.0068	0.9908	+-	0.0041
30	Bialystok20090930.50975secUT_ch4.dat	0.9875	+-	0.0076	0.9903	+-	0.0046
<b>Overall</b>		<b>1.0041</b>	<b>+-</b>	<b>0.0212</b>	<b>1.0017</b>	<b>+-</b>	<b>0.0181</b>



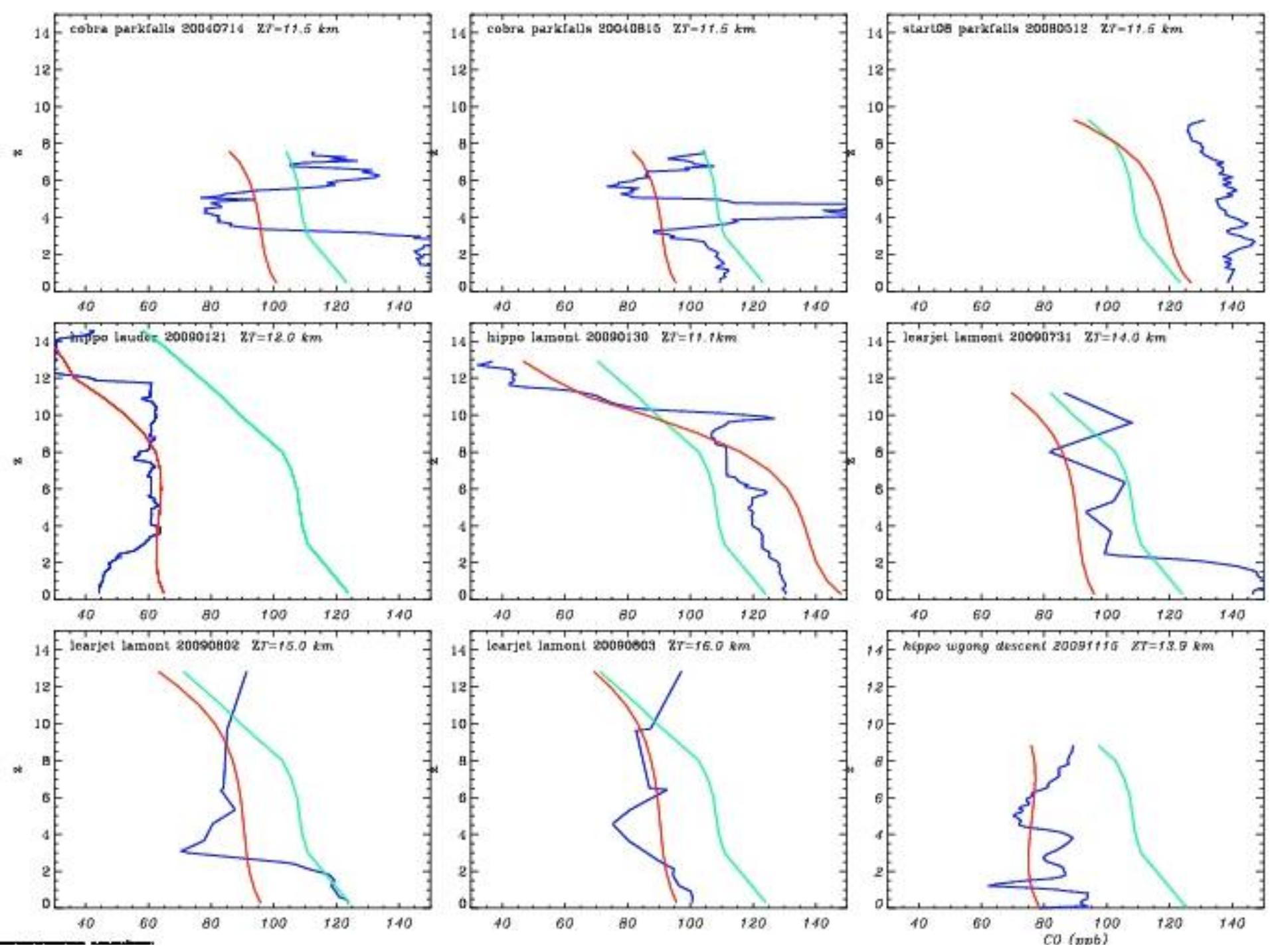


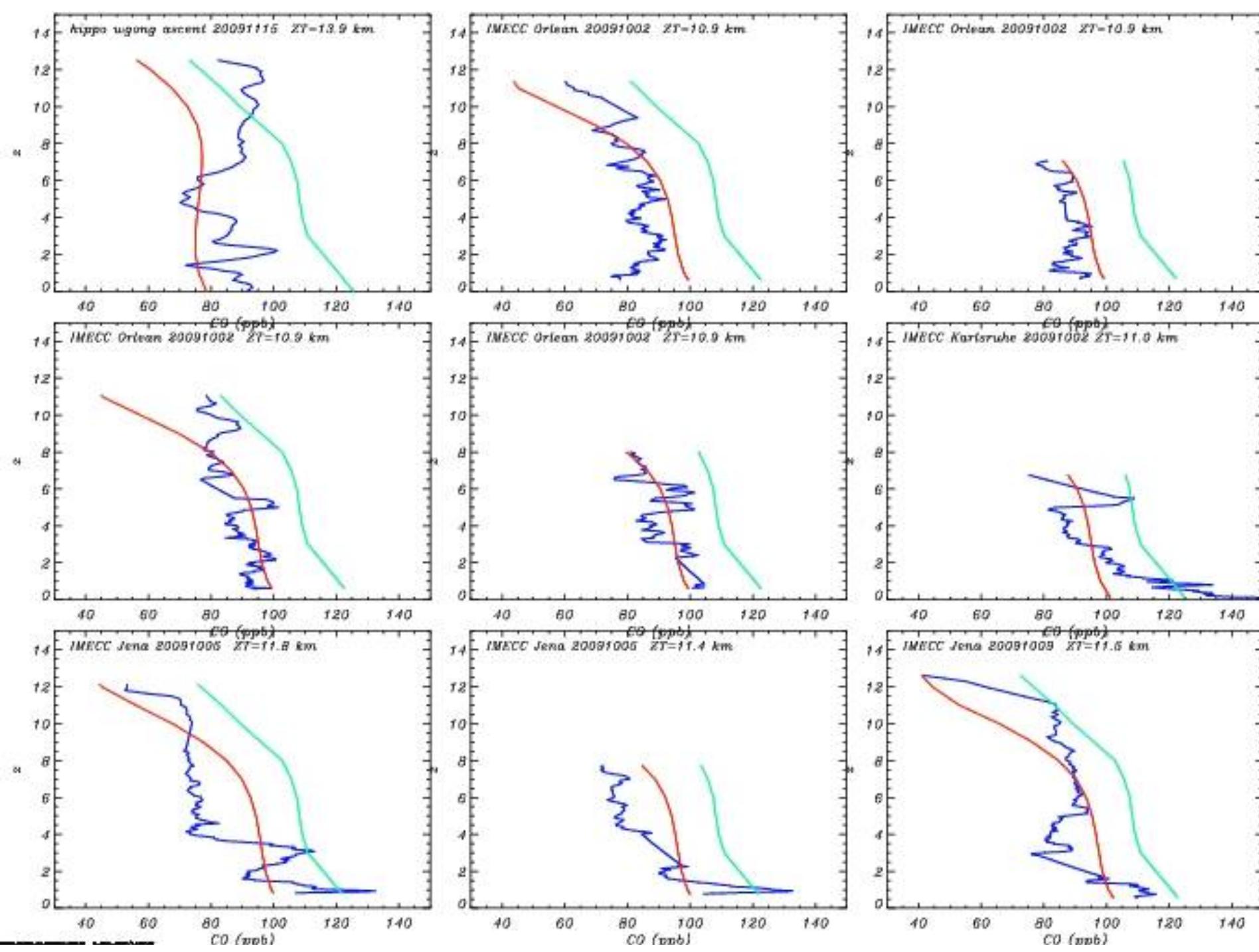


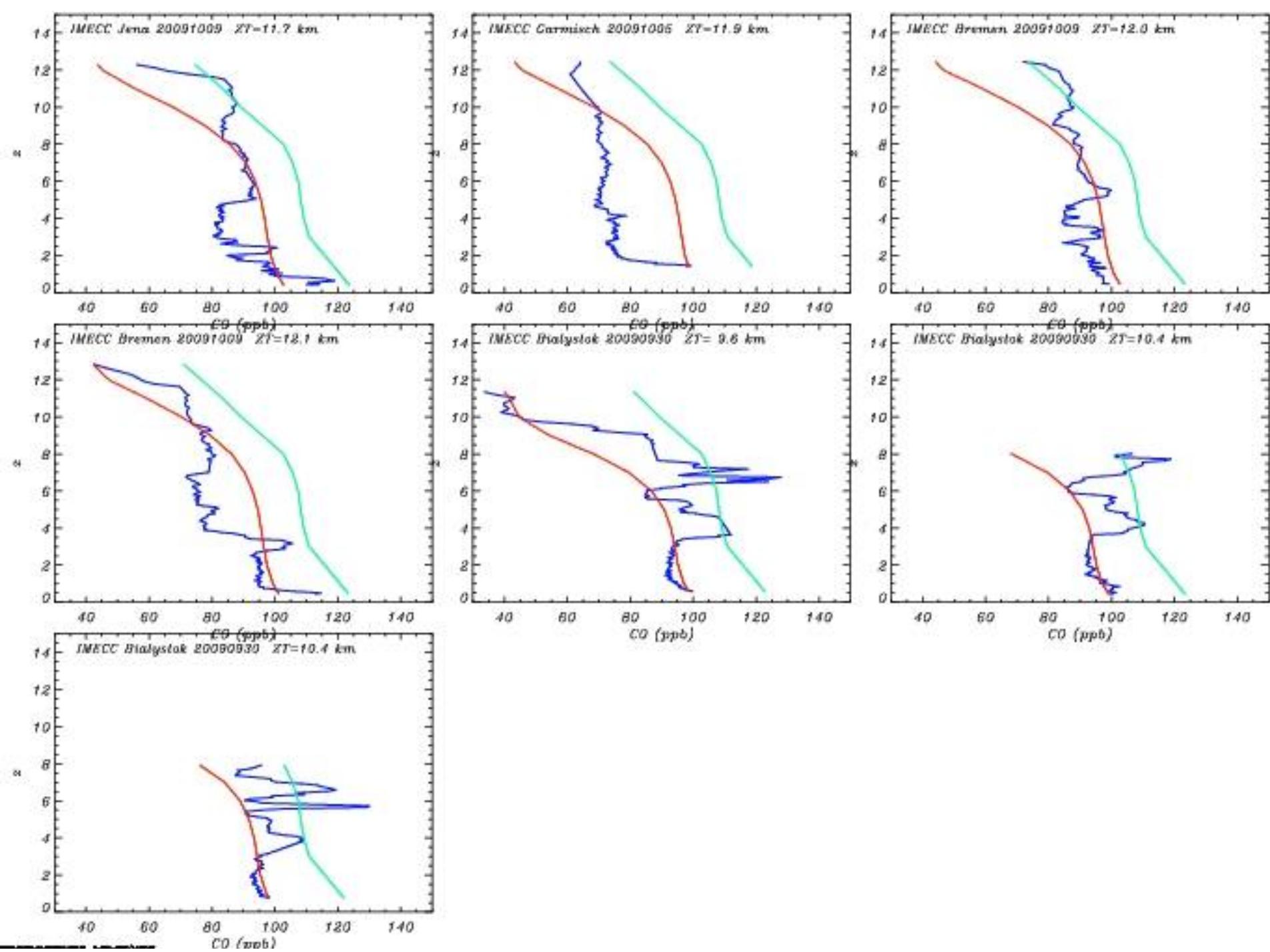


# CO Comparison Table

#	Site/Date/Gas	2010	Priors	2011	Priors
1	cobra_parkfalls_20040715_CO.atm	0.9667	+- 0.2377	0.8256	+- 0.2163
2	cobra_parkfalls_20040815_CO.atm	1.0837	+- 0.1826	0.8747	+- 0.1492
3	start08_parkfalls_20080512_CO.atm	0.7958	+- 0.0343	0.8324	+- 0.0434
4	hippo_lauder_20090121_CO.atm	1.8953	+- 0.4165	1.0374	+- 0.1940
5	hippo_lamont_20090130_CO.atm	1.0396	+- 0.3116	1.0847	+- 0.1286
6	learjet_lamont_20090731_CO.atm	1.0107	+- 0.1284	0.8391	+- 0.1142
7	learjet_lamont_20090802_CO.atm	1.1385	+- 0.1825	0.9627	+- 0.1424
8	learjet_lamont_20090803_CO.atm	1.1611	+- 0.1818	0.9923	+- 0.1112
9	hippo_wgong_descent_20091115_CO.atm	1.3538	+- 0.1474	0.9344	+- 0.0847
10	hippo_wgong_ascent_20091115_CO.atm	1.1973	+- 0.2157	0.8562	+- 0.1098
11	Orleans20091002.23764secUT_co.dat	1.3150	+- 0.1028	1.0591	+- 0.1351
12	Orleans20091002.25299secUT_co.dat	1.2780	+- 0.0680	1.0732	+- 0.0425
13	Orleans20091002.38115secUT_co.dat	1.2278	+- 0.0821	0.9948	+- 0.1229
14	Orleans20091002.39447secUT_co.dat	1.1975	+- 0.0666	1.0011	+- 0.0602
15	Karlsruhe20091002.34251secUT_co.dat	1.1400	+- 0.1189	0.9582	+- 0.1147
16	Jena20091005.28541secUT_co.dat	1.2807	+- 0.1534	1.0617	+- 0.1583
17	Jena20091005.29303secUT_co.dat	1.2747	+- 0.1272	1.0860	+- 0.1184
18	Jena20091009.36713secUT_co.dat	1.2071	+- 0.1138	0.9999	+- 0.1467
19	Jena20091009.38125secUT_co.dat	1.1948	+- 0.1052	1.0020	+- 0.1445
20	Garmisch20091005.31598secUT_co.dat	1.4389	+- 0.0968	1.1962	+- 0.1597
21	Bremen20091009.39920secUT_co.dat	1.1763	+- 0.0948	0.9938	+- 0.1315
22	Bremen20091005.42336secUT_co.dat	1.2792	+- 0.1116	1.0614	+- 0.1253
23	Bialystok20090930.34740secUT_co.dat	1.2392	+- 0.2858	0.9233	+- 0.1250
24	Bialystok20090930.36217secUT_co.dat	1.1510	+- 0.1020	0.9364	+- 0.1036
25	Bialystok20090930.49693secUT_co.dat	1.1397	+- 0.1049	0.9408	+- 0.0852
26	Bialystok20090930.50975secUT_co.dat	1.1083	+- 0.0945	0.8854	+- 0.1269
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>1.4083</b>	<b>+- 0.4323</b>	<b>1.0007</b>	<b>+- 0.1688</b>



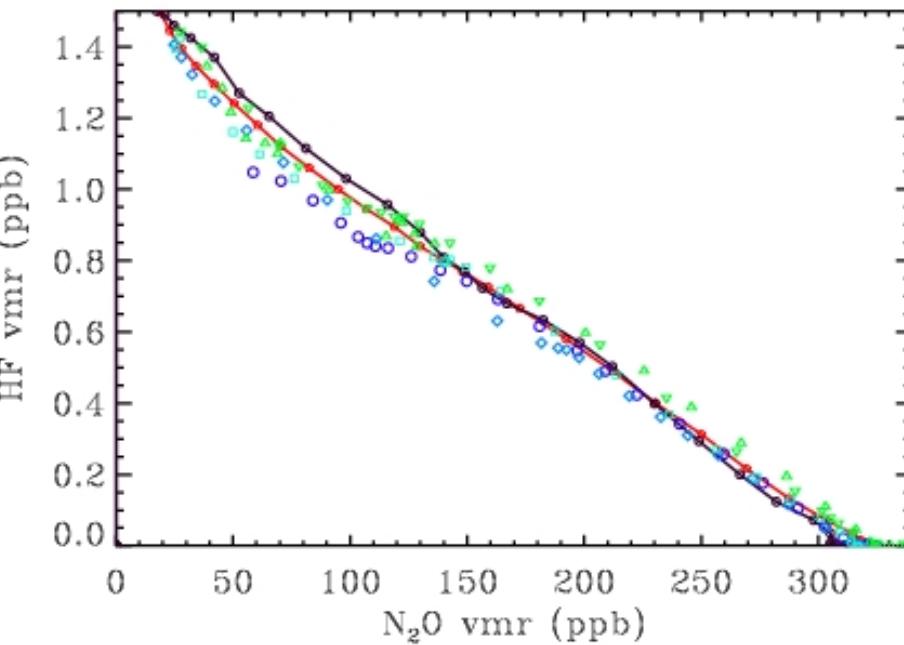
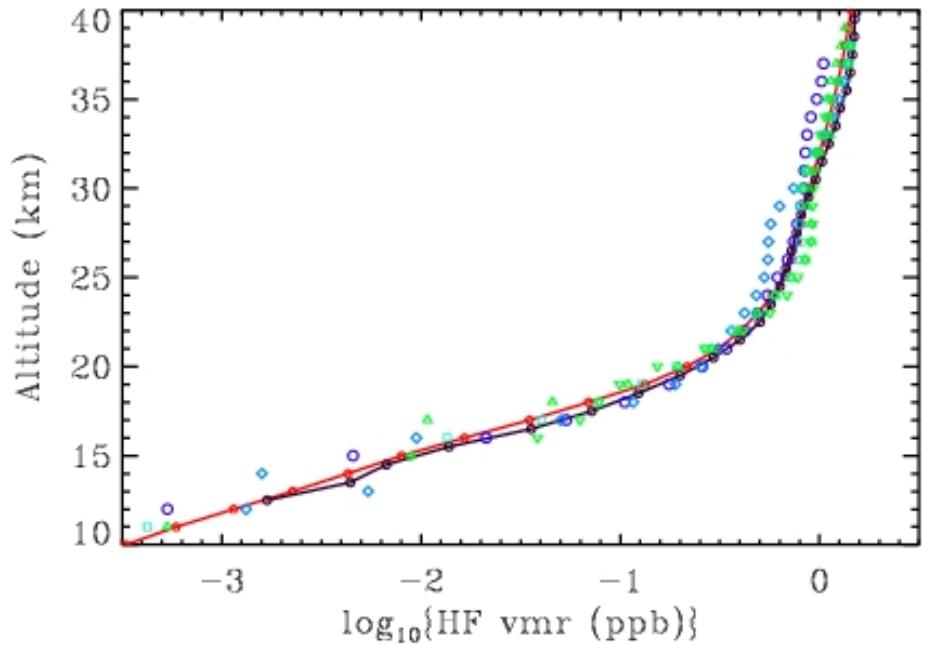
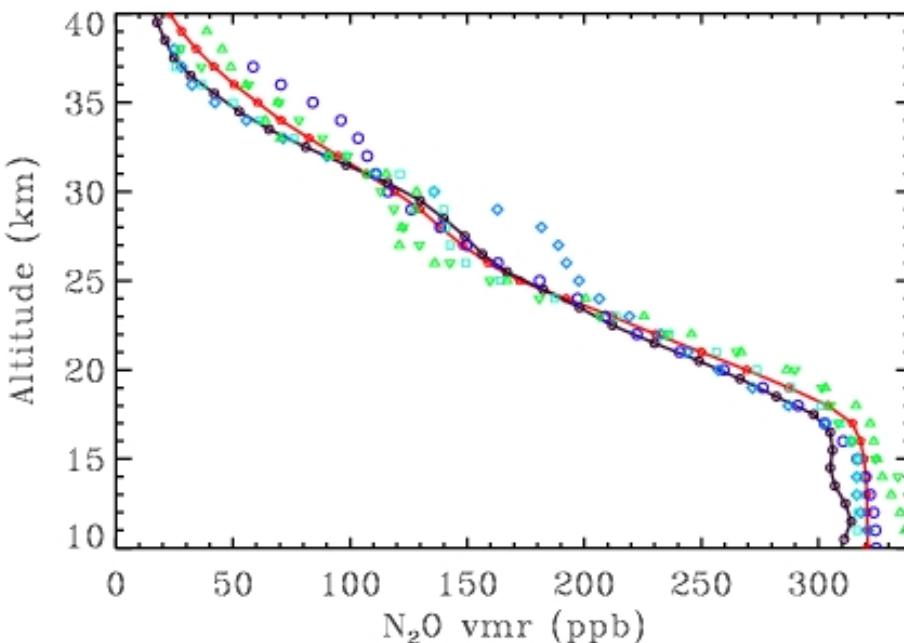
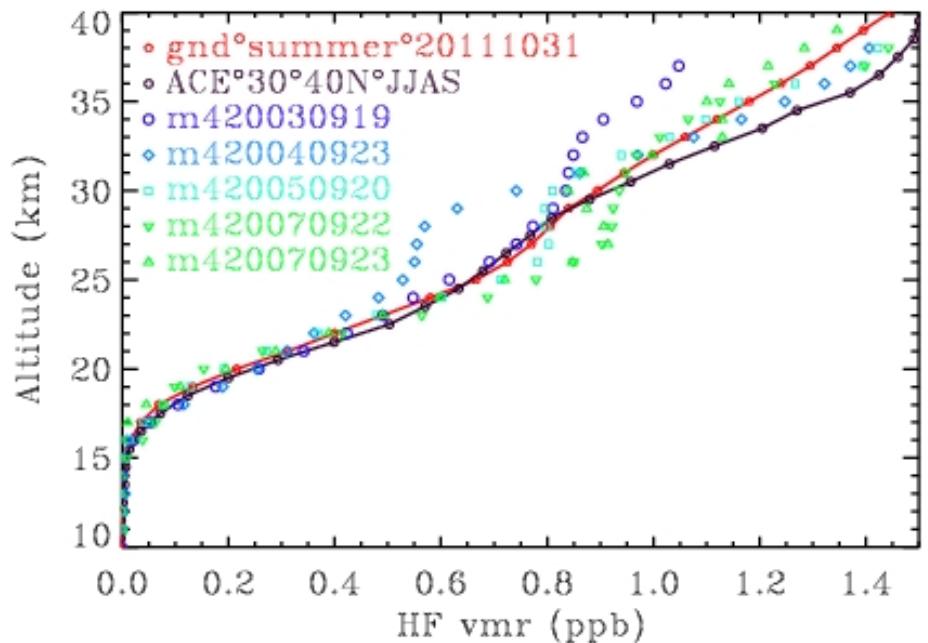


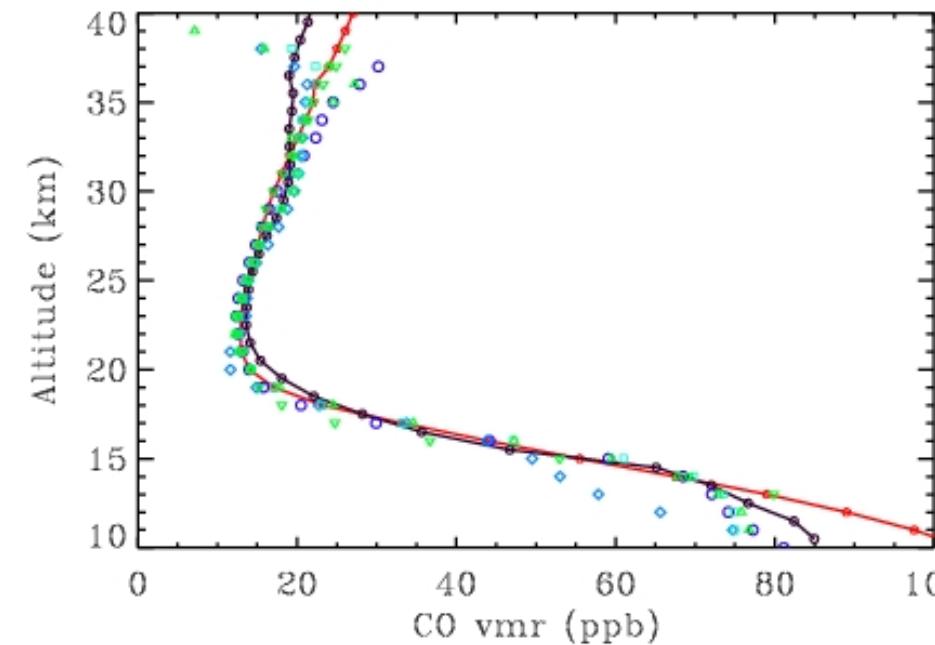
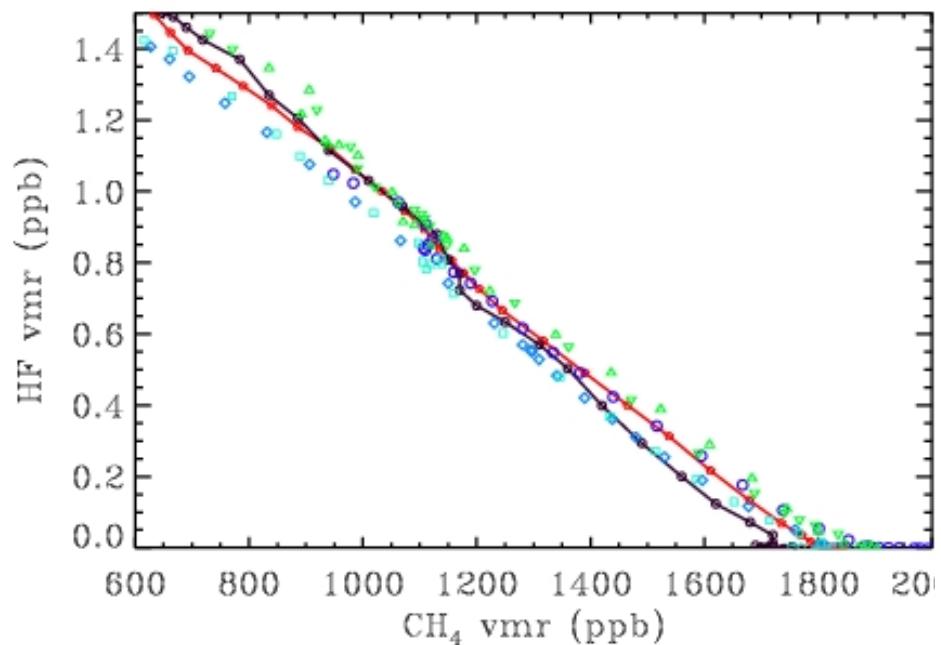
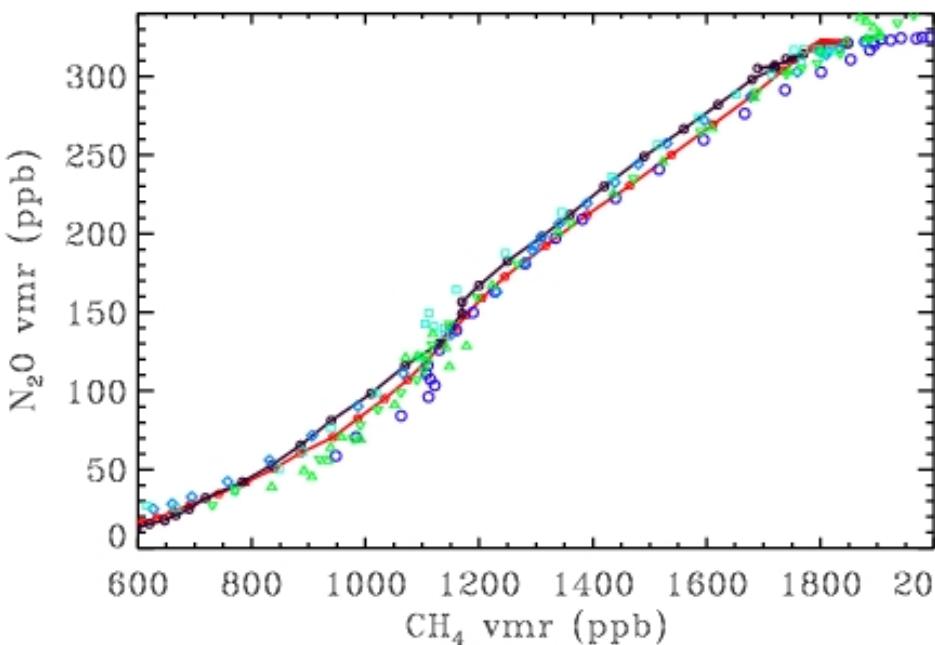
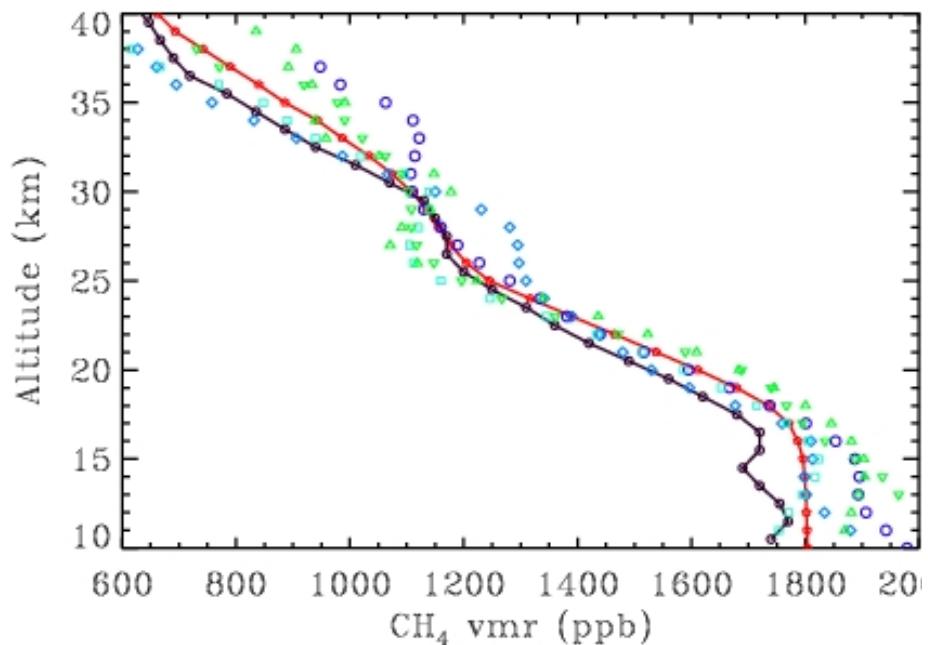


# Comparison with MkIV and ACE VMR profiles

Red Line is latest A priori (2011-10-31)

Plots made with the script: mkiv\_ace.log





# Summary

2011 a priori profiles agree better with validation measurements than 2009 priors

To achieve this, tropopause altitude assignment for gnd\_summer.vmr set was reduced from 16 to 15 km

Also, interhemispheric differences were introduced for CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>.